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"Poo poo platter. Can someone explain what that is"

Eagles' tight end Brent Celek, @BrentCelek, is a little confused.

'We could be looking at a recipe for disaster'

3-D printing. City Council Thursday banned the use of 3-D printers to manufacture guns.

Driving to Canada on a family trip, City Councilman Kenyatta Johnson couldn't believe what he heard.

His nephew told him about instructions available online that teach viewers how to print out a gun.

"At first I didn't take him seriously," Johnson said Thursday.

But when he came home from vacation, he hopped on YouTube, "and saw several different disturbing video clips that show how individuals can create a gun using a 3-D printer."

Johnson proposed a bill on Sept. 12, which passed City Council on Thursday, that bans the use of three-dimensional, or 3-D, printing technology to manufacture firearms. These printers build objects with layers of plastic that harden into familiar shapes.

Quoted

"I think it sends a message to the people of Philadelphia that we care about the city and that they want to take steps to protect it, and I think it sends a message to Harrisburg that if you're not going to do it, we are."

Shira Goodman
Executive director of CeaseFirePA

The state regulates the ownership, possession, transfer or transportation of guns and ammunition, but not the manufacturing of firearms for personal use, Johnson said.

Johnson, founder of the anti-violence organization Peace Not Guns, said Philadelphia is one of the first cities "to proactively address an issue that has the potential to pose a significant danger to the public," he said.

"As technology progresses, three-dimensional printers will become more advanced, less expensive and more commonplace," he added. "As instructions for the manufacture of guns via 3-D printing technology are already available on the Internet, we could be looking at a recipe for disaster."

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A perfect view of downtown Philadelphia

Two men chat and take in the view of the skyscrapers of Center City from the 33rd floor of the Lowes Hotel at 12th and Market streets. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Stolen

Chase ensues after man steals FedEx truck

A man stole a FedEx truck then led police on a chase before crashing into a utility pole in Nicetown, officials said.

The suspect, who has not yet been named, stole the truck at Ridge and Lehigh avenues, hitting parked cars during the pursuit. The driver crashed the truck at 25th and Willard streets, according to reports. It was wedged between a pole and a home.

The driver then ran away but police found him and he was taken into custody.

There were no injuries reported. Police are investigating. METRO

Attempted murder

Father attacks infant, young daughters

A man assaulted his young daughters and tried to stab one with a fork at a Frankford home on Wednesday, police said.

Dennis Hill, 27, of Staten Island, allegedly attacked his 1-month-old and 4-year-old daughters. Hill grabbed both girls, dropped the 1-month-old and then choked the 4-year-old, trying to stab her with a fork before witnesses separated them, according to police.

Dennis Hill / PPD

Hill has been charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault and more. His bail has been set at $100,000. His next court appearance is Dec. 10. METRO

Escape. Father, kids jump out of window during house fire

A Strawberry Mansion man and his children jumped to safety after a fire broke out in their building early Thursday morning.

Philadelphia fire officials told reporters that the father followed his 13-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son out a rear second-floor window on West Sergeant Street to escape the fire, which broke out about 4 a.m.

The children were treated at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children for ankle pain. METRO

GENOCIDE ≠ JOKE

Jimmy Kimmel should be fired for promoting racism. We demand ABC Network and its parent company Disney to fire whoever responsible for getting the segment aired.

GENOCIDE is NOT a JOKE

Jimmy Kimmel's 'Kids Table' show was aired on ABC on 10/16/2013 and talked about killing all the Chinese so that the states do not need to pay back their debts to China.

We are taking this seriously because the same rhetoric was used in Nazi Germany against Jewish people.

The comment "Killing all the Chinese" is NOT a joke, no matter who says it. Jimmy Kimmel and the ABC network sent a very bad message that it is "interesting" to kill all the people to whom you owe money. He later returned to the point asking "should we allow the Chinese to live?"

A formal, public apology must be issued by ABC and Jimmy Kimmel to ALL of its viewers, not just those who are Chinese, because this promotes hatred, racism and genocide. ABC should fire Jimmy Kimmel and anyone else responsible for letting this happen, and a policy must be institutionalized so that this kind of racist stupidity will never happen again.

Philadelphia: No to Racism!
Fire Jimmy Kimmel!

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JFK. Mint engraver's half dollar portrait art on display now

The work of Gilroy Roberts, the U.S. Mint engraver responsible for John F. Kennedy's portrait on the half dollar, will be on display at the Community College of Philadelphia's Mint Building in a special exhibit on loan from the Roberts family foundation.

Gregory Murphy, interim vice president of institution advancement at CCP, said it's a fitting location — that school building is the original location of the Third U.S. Mint where Roberts worked. "It feels like the exhibition is coming home."

The exhibit is on permanent loan from the Gilroy and Lillian P. Roberts Foundation after being in storage. The school commissioned the foundation to house it and on Friday, a special ceremony in JFK's honor will take place.

Also on display will be a remembrance wall where CCP faculty and staff posted pledges to JFK's legacy of service.

There is also an interactive aspect of the display — visitors on a computer screen can flip the coin and touch hot spots to learn about Roberts' work with the half dollar.

CHRISTINA PACIOLLA

Facts

The public is invited to a special ceremony Friday at noon. The display will be open Monday through Thursday.

- Gilroy Roberts grew up in the Philly area. "He was a self-made man as so many of our students are," Murphy said.
- John Roberts, Gilroy's son, said he remembered playing in the Mint Building when he was a child.

Celebrating New Year's Eve early

The Sugarhouse Sweeties join in during a performance by The Mummer String Band for Mayor Michael Nutter's and Camden Mayor Dana Redd's announcement of New Year's Eve celebrations. There will be two showings of the SugarHouse New Year's Eve Fireworks on the Waterfront this holiday. / PAIGE OZAROSKI, METRO

Charged

Bensalem man raped seven teens: Police

An 18-year-old Bensalem man has been charged with sexually assaulting multiple teenaged girls, police said.

Josh Benson, of the 2100 block of Brown Avenue, was previously in custody for allegedly sexually assaulting five teenage girls while he was a juvenile. He was charged as an adult Thursday with sexual assault of two other young women between the ages of 14 and 16.

Benson allegedly would befriend the girls and convince them to engage in sexual behavior, but would become violent and force sex on the girls when they told him to stop.

Benson, a Utah native, moved to Bucks County three years ago. METRO

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State trooper shooter still on the loose

Wanted. Delaware State Police are searching for the person who shot a trooper Wednesday.

The person who shot a 44-year-old Delaware State trooper in Wilmington Wednesday afternoon is still at large.

State police said Thursday that around 4 p.m. the day before, trooper Richard Deskis, a 17-year veteran and member of the retail theft unit, responded to a call on East 24th Street and North Market Street.

He was called to assist the Wilmington Police Department with an investigation of a suspicious parked vehicle.

The car appeared to contain stolen merchandise from retail stores in the surrounding area.

As the trooper spoke with a woman who was affiliated with the car, gunshots rang out from an unknown direction and from unknown attackers. The shots were aimed at the state trooper and Wilmington Police Department officers, and the trooper was struck in the right arm.

Wilmington officers shielded the trooper and then applied first aid until medical services arrived.

The trooper was transported by ambulance to Christiana Hospital's trauma center where he was treated and released. He is recovering at home, state police said.

No suspects are in custody at this time, but state police said its investigation continues.

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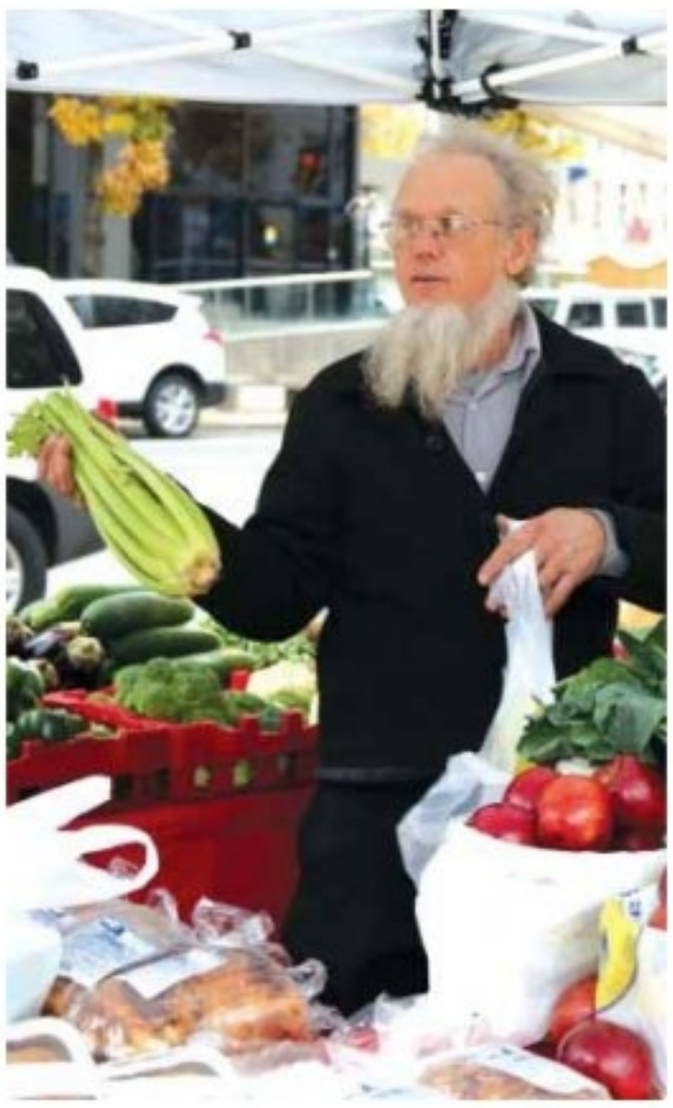

The growing season's not over just yet

John King of Hilltop Gardens in Paradise, Pa., packs up fresh fruits and vegetables for a customer at the farmers market at 16th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway on Thursday afternoon. / PAIGE OZAROSKI, METRO

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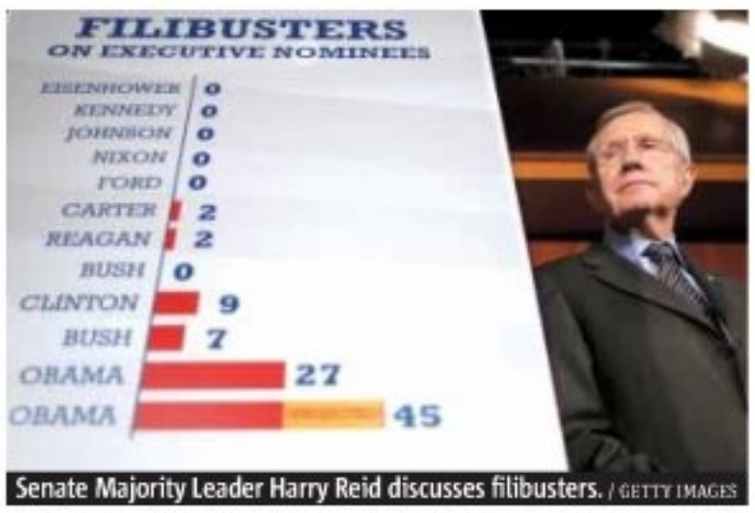
Momentous and divisive. Democrats ditch US Senate rule

The Democratic-controlled U.S. Senate, in a historic and bitterly fought rule change, stripped Republicans on Thursday of their ability to block President Barack Obama's judicial and executive branch nominees.

The action fundamentally altered the way Congress' upper chamber has worked since the mid-19th century by making it impossible for a minority party, on its own, to block presidential appointments, except those to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The change in the so-called "filibuster" rule does not apply to legislation, which can still be held up by a handful of senators.

The now-defunct rule, a symbol of Washington gridlock, has survived dozens of attacks over the years largely because both major political parties like to use it. REUTERS



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid discusses filibusters. / GETTY IMAGES

Opinion

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GOING NUCLEAR IN WASHINGTON

With Thanksgiving rapidly bearing down upon us, I have a theory about nuclear wars: Like fights with your family, they are easier to start than they are to stop. Oh sure, it's immensely satisfying to lob that first big "Well, your mother is just a nut!" while stacking the dirty dishes back in the kitchen, but the retaliation that follows is god-awful.

This theory has been proven amid flying plates and cutlery so many times I'd call it a truism. That's why so many Washington pundits are surprised that Harry Reid and his Senate Democrats decided to "go nuclear" in their battle over President Obama's judicial nominees. In case you missed it: The Democrats have blown up the filibuster. No longer will the President's picks for the courts have to wait until 60 senators say it's OK, but rather a simple majority of 51 can push a nominee through.

Quoted

"Researchers at the Brookings Institute note that George W. Bush's nominees for both circuit and district judges were confirmed 92 percent of the time in his first five years."

Reid and his pals say Republicans were so relentlessly blocking Obama's nominees, that a rule change was essential.

Researchers at the Brookings Institute note that George W. Bush's nominees for both circuit and district judges were confirmed 92 percent of the time in his first five years, while the approval rate for Mr. Obama's picks is so far only 81 percent. But it is also notable that the nomination wars have been increasingly contentious for at least two decades, and both major parties have engaged the battle with gusto.

And now the Democrats have said "enough is enough." They've pushed the red button.

Maybe this will be for the good. Maybe this is the way to blast through the gridlock. But many political analysts believe it is more likely that this move will unleash even greater partisan fury: that Republicans, when and if they reclaim the Senate, will rain down living hell upon the Democrats by using the very rule that Reid approved this week. There is a reason it is called the "nuclear option." Because once this bomb is dropped, calling off the war is nearly impossible and everyone might get burned.

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Yellen takes big step toward being next US Fed chair

The vote. It was 14-8; three Republicans backed her and one Democrat voted no.

Federal Reserve Vice Chair Janet Yellen moved closer on Thursday to becoming the first woman to lead the U.S. central bank after a Senate committee approved her nomination and sent it to the full Senate for a final vote.

If confirmed, as is widely expected, Yellen would replace Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke when his term expires on Jan. 31 and become the most powerful woman in world finance.

A Democratic leadership aide said the aim was to hold a confirmation vote in the full Senate in December.

Yellen / GETTY IMAGES

Nominated by President Barack Obama in October, Yellen is viewed as a monetary policy dove more concerned about the costs to society of high unemployment than about the risk aggressive actions to lower it will ignite future inflation or fuel asset bubbles.

She will preside over a central bank that has taken dramatic and unconventional steps to spur economic growth, and which is now wrestling with a decision on when to scale back a bond-buying program that has sought to drive down long-term market interest rates. REUTERS

Balance sheet

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The Fed has held benchmark U.S. interest rates near zero since late 2008 and has quadrupled the size of its balance sheet to $3.9 trillion through three massive asset purchase campaigns. It is currently buying $85 billion in bonds a month.

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Stranded cargo jet takes off safely

A Boeing cargo jet, that was stranded overnight at a Kansas airport too small to handle the giant aircraft, took off safely Thursday and landed a short time later at what had been its intended destination, officials said. The Dreamlifter, bound for McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, Kan., had inadvertently landed instead at the nearby Colonel James Jabara Airport run by the city, according to a Boeing statement. The plane took off about 1:15 p.m. and landed at McConnell 20 minutes later. Airport officials sighed with relief when the massive plane's wheels left the airfield. REUTERS

Gaming console

Microsoft hopes Xbox One finally puts it on the media map

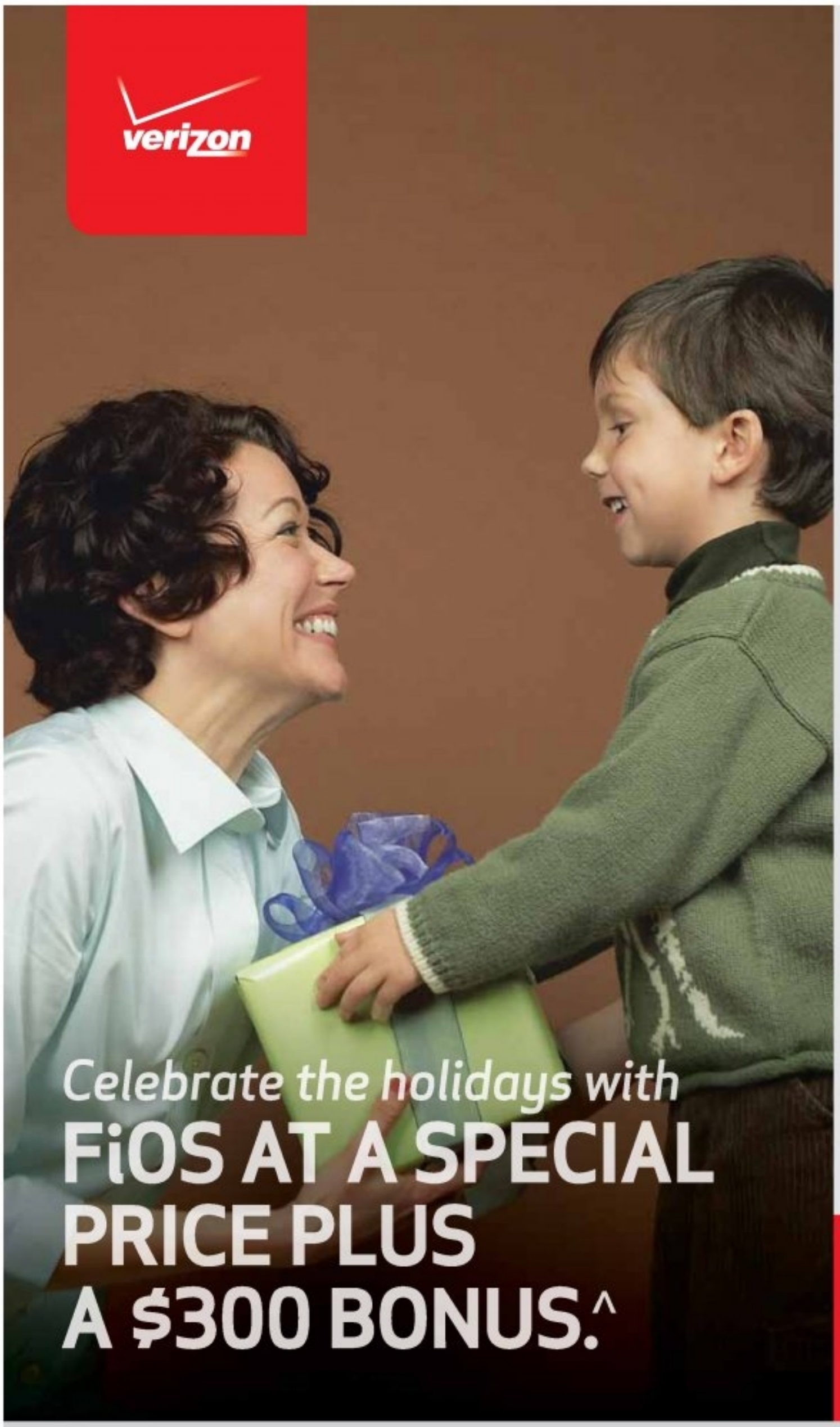
Microsoft Corp. aims to upstage rival Sony Corp. with a console that goes well beyond gaming and helps transform media viewing, a long-cherished but elusive goal.

The software giant is betting its first new video game console in eight years, available today, will help sustain its position as a dominant player in gaming hardware. It also hopes to build a high-margin, rapid-growth business that plays a bigger role in how people watch television and consume media content.

Quoted

"We continue to be on track for the biggest launch in Xbox history." Mehdi

The console has received early positive reviews for its performance, interface and exclusive launch games. Yusuf Mehdi, chief marketing and strategy officer for Xbox, said preorders for Xbox One were running at twice the rate of 2005's Xbox 360 but declined to elaborate. REUTERS



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After 11 years in jail for murder, Kennedy cousin freed on bail

Skakel's lawyer had been ineffective. Another judge last month ordered a new trial in the case.

Michael Skakel reacts to being granted bail during his hearing at Stamford Superior Court on Thursday in Stamford, Conn. \ GETTY IMAGES

Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel was freed on bail on Thursday by a Stamford Superior Court judge, after spending the last 11 years in prison for the 1975 murder of a teenage neighbor in Greenwich, Conn.

Skakel, 53, was convicted in 2002 of murdering neighbor Martha Moxley, when they were both 15. Another judge last month ordered a new trial in the case, finding that Skakel's lawyer had been ineffective.

Skakel's new attorney, Hubert Santos, argued in court that his client did not represent a flight risk.

"He is one of the most recognizable faces in the country," Santos said.

Bridgeport State's Attorney John Smriga had urged for bail to be set as high as $2 million, saying "this was a brutal murder."

Skakel, the nephew of Ethel Kennedy and slain U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy, was granted a new trial by Superior Court Judge Thomas Bishop in Rockville, Connecticut.

Moxley's mother, Dorothy, and brother told reporters they were disappointed in the ruling.

Skakel's family issued a written statement praising the ruling: "This is the first step in correcting a terrible wrong," the statement said. "We look forward to Michael being vindicated and justice finally being served. We are thankful to God that after 11-1/2 years he will be reunited with his son. We are grateful for the love and prayers of Michael's many supporters who have sustained him through this ordeal." REUTERS

Quoted

"It's kind of overwhelming and disappointing, but we will take it as it comes. ... He was just a kid who had problems, but he was still a convicted murderer." Dorothy Moxley

Bail

$1.2M

Judge Gary White set Skakel's bail at $1.2 million and told him not to leave the state of Connecticut and to wear a GPS tracking device while out on bail. Applause broke out in the packed courtroom as White made his ruling.

Civil rights. Alabama pardons Scottsboro Boys in 1931 rape case

Alabama granted posthumous pardons on Thursday to three of the Scottsboro Boys, a group of black teenagers whose fight against false charges that they raped two white women in 1931 helped initiate the modern civil rights movement.

The action by the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles clears the last of the Scottsboro Boys who had yet to be exonerated: Charles Weems, Andy Wright and Haywood Patterson. The three were among nine youths accused of gang-raping two women aboard a freight train in Alabama and convicted by all-white juries in the town of Scottsboro.

The group's legal journey to fight the convictions and win new trials sparked protests over racial injustice and two landmark rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court. REUTERS

The Scottsboro boys / GETTY IMAGES

Colorado theater

Trial postponed of accused gunman

The trial of accused Colorado theater gunman James Holmes was postponed indefinitely to deal with requests by prosecutors for further mental health evaluations of the former doctoral student, a judge ruled on Thursday.

Holmes had been slated to go on trial in February for the July 2012 slayings of 12 moviegoers and the wounding of 70 others during a screening of a Batman film in suburban Denver. REUTERS

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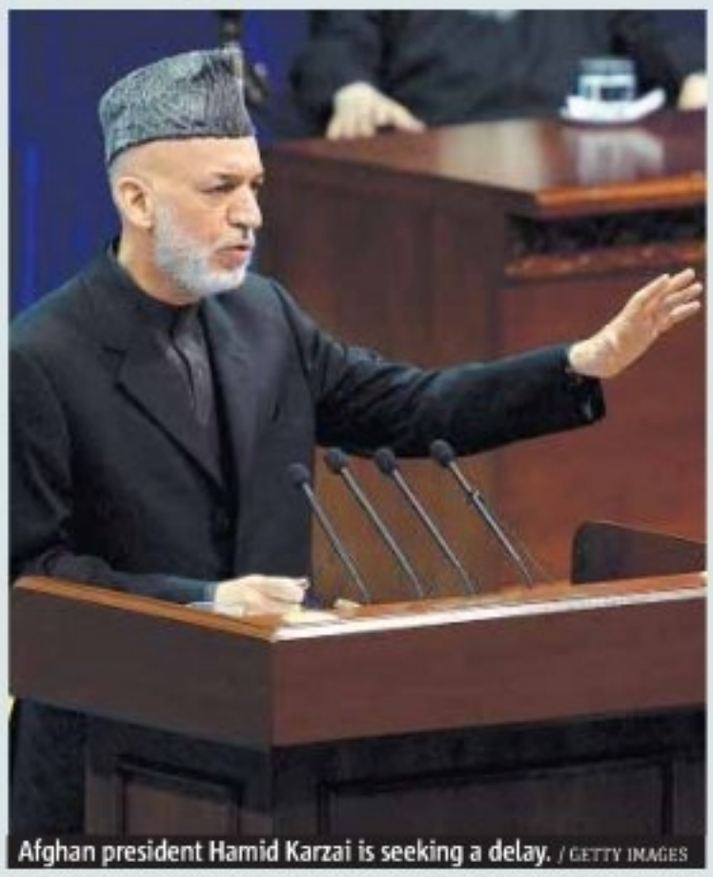

Afghan president Hamid Karzai is seeking a delay. / GETTY IMAGES

Afghan president wants to delay crucial US deal

President Hamid Karzai told his countrymen on Thursday a vital security pact with the United States should not be signed until after Afghanistan's presidential election next April, prompting the White House to underscore its demand for a year-end deadline.

Karzai's surprise move, which came just a day after U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said the pact's language had been agreed upon, suddenly threw its future into question and seemed certain to reignite tensions with Washington.

The Afghan leader spoke to about 2,500 tribal elders and political leaders from across Afghanistan gathered in the capital for a Loya Jirga, or grand council, to debate whether to allow U.S. troops to stay after the planned 2014 drawdown of foreign forces.

Without an accord on the Bilateral Security Agreement, the U.S. says it could pull out all its troops at the end of 2014 and leave Afghan forces to fight the Taliban insurgency on their own. REUTERS

North Korea detains US Korean War veteran

Privacy laws. The U.S. government has not directly confirmed the detention.

North Korea has detained an 85-year-old Korean War veteran from California visiting the country as a tourist, pulling him off a plane as he was about to leave the reclusive nation last month, his son said.

Merrill Newman, a retiree from Palo Alto, Calif., was taken away a day after he and his tour guide spoke with North Korean authorities at a meeting in which his military service in Korea was discussed, his son, Jeff Newman, said in a CNN interview on Wednesday.

The U.S. government has not directly confirmed the detention, citing privacy laws.

Asked by reporters in Beijing if Newman was being held in North Korea, U.S. Special Representative for North Korea Policy Glyn Davies said: "I cannot comment in any specific-

Quoted

"We are calling on North Korea, as in the Kenneth Bae case, to resolve this issue and let our citizens go free."

Glyn Davies
U.S. Special Representative for North Korea Policy

ity about that because we do not have a privacy act waiver, so by law we are constrained."

Jeff Newman said his account of his father's disappearance and the meeting that preceded it was based on details provided by another American traveling with his father at the time.

"I understand that my dad was a bit bothered but really didn't go into any detail [about the meeting] with his travelling companion," he said. REUTERS

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Heavy snow in China

Statues are covered in snow on Thursday in Jilin, China. From Nov. 16 to 18, four people were killed in accidents caused by heavy snow in Jilin Province.

Surveillance

UN anti-spying resolution weakened in bid to gain support

A draft U.N. resolution, that some diplomats said suggested spying in foreign countries could be a human rights violation, has been weakened to appease the United States, Britain and others ahead of a vote by a U.N. committee next week.

Germany and Brazil drafted the resolution calling for an end to excessive electronic surveillance. It does not name specific countries but comes after former U.S. contractor Edward Snowden released details of spying by the NSA.

The U.N. General Assembly's Third Committee is to vote on the draft next week, and it is then expected to be put to a vote by the General Assembly in December.

The initial draft would have had the assembly declare it is "deeply concerned at human rights violations and abuses that may result from the conduct of any surveillance of communications, including extraterritorial surveillance of communications." REUTERS

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Douglas Coupland is a Canadian writer, artist and designer. His first novel was 1991's "Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture." His novella, "Temp," of which this is the 11th installment, will be running online and in the pages of your daily Metro each weekday through Nov. 29.

Day 15: Temp recalls the zombie walk

I think the AmQex protest got so much press because the zombies that the cops handcuffed and dragged away left behind a wicked trail of slime and body parts.

Andy Kimura, the firm's third partner, was looking at YouTube over my shoulder and said, "I must say, Shannon, bodily remains really look great online."

Andy was still woozy from jet lag after being quarantined for bird flu at Beijing Airport.

"Mr. Kimura, shouldn't you be showing the Chinese folks around while they measure stuff?"

"Not me. I'm Japanese."

"Genetically maybe."

"But my name certainly is, and the Chinese aren't so hot on Japan."

I said, "Hey, check this out — Sarah from marketing got 15 seconds with the Channel 3 Roving Reporter."

To be honest, I have no idea what Sarah said. All I remember is her trademarked, casual hair flip as she smiled, while behind her lay a left leg covered in red corn syrup and vinyl black flies.

"Poor Sarah," said Andy. "Today's her last day."

Oh God. "Seriously?"

"That's life, Shannon. As we speak, our new Chinese owners are measuring the staff lunchroom with a laser level. We are not a company that is in need of a head of marketing."

"Oh, Sarah; I barely knew ye. Does she know it yet?"

"After lunch."

"Life sucks."

It was weird having every single surface of the building measured by quiet, methodical people speaking a mystery language. What made it especially odd was how they didn't really seem to notice or interact with the people in the building. It was like they were taking measurements inside a photograph, not a real building. Two guys in the meeting room were assembling a 3D model of the building using data brought in by the measurers.

I found myself missing Mr. Shoeman terribly. I decided to phone him in Beijing, and seeing country code 86 on my desktop phone put me in a better mood. I hoped he hadn't forgotten our plans for the future.

"Hello, Mr. Xu?"

"Hi, hello, yes, whatever — whoever this is, I'm getting a reflexology right now and need to focus my qi energy."

"Mr. Shoeman, it's me, Shannon."

"Ah. Sweetest lily of decadent Western imperialism."

"Shoeman, I miss you. When are you coming back?"

"Me so sorry — not understand."

I giggled: "You're still such a dick."

"Hang in there, sweetheart."

"What about our secret plan?"

"Our secret plan goes into operation within a few days."

"You promise?"

"I promise." I hung up the phone and turned around to find Andy Kimura and the two remaining Sarahs. "Secret plan?" said Andy. "So Dan wasn't just being paranoid."

"Imagine that," said Sarah No. 1 with as much righteousness as she could muster, "A traitor right here from within."

Andy said, "I think you'd better leave, Shannon."

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If Kennedy lived? Experts discuss the person he'd be today

Alternate history. Fifty years after his assassination, Metro imagines the world with President John F. Kennedy still in it.

Had the weather proved to be inclement on that fateful day, the roof of the presidential convertible would have been raised — and JFK would not have been so exposed to Lee Harvey Oswald's shot. / GETTY IMAGES

Half a century later, historians of John F. Kennedy have shifted their focus from the events of his assassination on Nov. 22, 1963, to imagining the impact of a presidency that could have been.

"He would be seen as significant, but without the aura," says Robert Dallek, Kennedy historian and author of several books on JFK. "We probably wouldn't be talking about him now."

For some, the Cuban Missle Crisis, which transformed Kennedy from a Cold War hawk into the peace-mongering author of the first Nuclear Test Ban Treaty in 1963, is evidence that, today, he would be pursuing world peace.

"Kennedy became determined to avoid conflict with the Soviet Union and China," says Dallek. "The new dialogue with the Kremlin and the Test Ban Treaty were a measure of how he was trying to wind down the Cold War. If he had lived, we would have had detente sooner than we got it under Richard Nixon."

Many say Kennedy would have won the 1964 presidential election, having enjoyed a 70 percent approval rating. He also had a good chance of securing the Democratic majority in Congress, as his successor Lyndon Johnson did. That would have given him freedom from the southern Republicans pressuring him to halt civil rights reforms, and his own advisers pushing for war with communist dictatorships.

That freedom would have extended to the Vietnam War, says Jeff Greenfield, author of "If Kennedy Lived." "He was saying 'I can't do anything until I'm elected, but after that I'm looking for a way out [of Vietnam].'"

Biographer Thurston Clarke claims Kennedy would have moved faster, "removing 1,000 advisors from Vietnam by the end of 1963."

Dallek says America's social revolution in late 1960s, when racial and sexual movements converged, would have been "less pronounced" had JFK stopped Vietnam. "The war provoked those divides in society; there wouldn't have been that level of unrest."

Without anger over Vietnam, Richard Nixon may not have been elected to stop the war. If so, the seediest episode of presidential history, when Nixon resigned over the Watergate scandal, would have been avoided.

Still, others say Kennedy may have struggled if re-elected.

"The press were becoming suspicious of his affairs," said Greenfield, speculating that his infidelities would have become public and ruined him. His management of Addison's disease would also have been difficult, he said.

Quote

"JFK would be seen as significant, but without the aura."

Robert Dallek
Historian and author of "An Unfinished Life: John F. Kennedy, 1917-1963"

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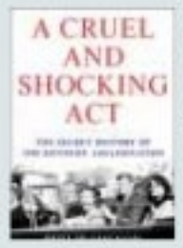
For your bookshelf

1 'Dallas 1963' by Bill Minutaglio and Steven L. Davis

Authors Bill Minutaglio and Steven L. Davis set the stage in the years leading up to the assassination in their much-praised new book, "Dallas 1963." Between the wealthiest man in the world, the country's most influential preacher and several other key figures all living in the same city and aligned against Kennedy, the book shows that an assassination was arguably inescapable and destined to happen in Texas. "There were about seven or eight people in the city who were just incredibly forceful, charismatic and almost cinematic in their nature and they were all joined in this confederacy to overthrow John F. Kennedy," Minutaglio tells Metro.

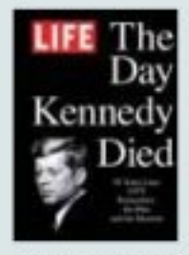
2 'A Cruel and Shocking Act" by Philip Shenon

New York Times reporter Philip Shenon lets readers in on the conversations of the Warren Commission in the days and weeks after Kennedy's assassination. Shenon, who was the New York Times' White House correspondent the year Kennedy was assassinated, reveals shady actions the FBI and CIA took after Kennedy died, starting the book by stating that evidence about the assassination began to disappear from government files within hours of Kennedy's body being returned to Washington. The information he unearths make this book an addictive read.



3 'LIFE's The Day Kennedy Died'

To mark the 50th anniversary of Kennedy's death, LIFE magazine is releasing a hardback book of the reprint of their entire special issue from 1963. The oversized book is full of glossy photos and also has frame-by-frame photos of Abraham Zapruder's iconic film footage. The book also includes a special article written by Zapruder's granddaughter about how the film affected her family.



EMILY LAURENCE

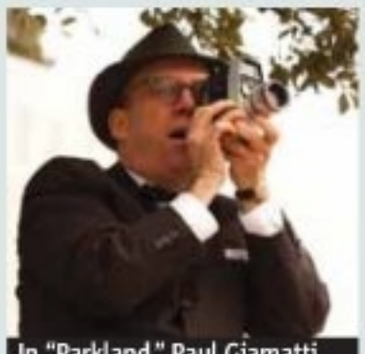
In the movies

How filmmakers react

Perhaps the most seen footage of all time is the assassination of John F. Kennedy, unwittingly filmed by bystander Abraham Zapruder and his 414 PD Bell & Howell Zoomatic Directors Series Camera. So it's fitting that the tragedy is an eternal fascination in movies.

'Four Days in November' (1964)
It didn't take long for a dry, "just the facts, ma'am" presentation of the before, during and after of the events to emerge, one culled from radio and television coverage.

'Parkland' (2013)
Based on a dispassionate book by Vincent Bugloisi — who also wrote the 1,632-page "Reclaiming History," which tirelessly shot down any and all conspiracy theories as unfounded — this star-studded recreation of the lead-up and aftermath of the assassination never entertains the notion that Oswald didn't act alone.


In "Parkland," Paul Giamatti plays Abraham Zapruder.
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'Eat Your Makeup' (1968)
It only took five years for no-budget filmmaker John Waters to, in his first film, recreate the assassination in his parents' backyard, complete with Divine as Jacqueline Kennedy.

'Executive Action' (1973)
"At this point in time can you believe Lee Harvey Oswald killed President John F. Kennedy — by himself?" asked the trailer to this, the first Hollywood film to parrot claims that there was a conspiracy between Cuban undercover operatives, the CIA and others.

'Annie Hall' (1977)
The conspiracy floodgates were wide open by the '70s, enough that Woody Allen slipped a lengthy diatribe against the Single Bullet Theory into a scene.

'JFK' (1991)
In real life, New Orleans D.A. Jim Garrison was known for recklessly prosecuting people on the flimsiest of evidence. But in Oliver Stone's film, he was a hero. As a result of following Garrison's claims — and making up its own — "JFK" offers a fever dream plot that eventually includes everyone but Garrison, but specifically targets the New Orleans homosexual underground. Is it great filmmaking despite its insanity or because of it? Probably both.

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'Snowball'

Kill the ice queen

Inspired by the popularity of Tchaikovsky's music for the venerated "Nutcracker," Sanders opted to score "Snowball" with the popular music of his own generation — namely, '80s pop hits. He refuses to divulge the details (other than the fact that the villainess was nearly christened the "Vanilla Ice Queen") other than to say, "the genre of music involves a lot of hair gel."

He's looked to "The Nutcracker" for other guidance as well. "I'm literally looking at 'The Nutcracker' for permission," Sanders says. "I was nervous about killing the queen, which is a pretty violent act, but hell, if they can kill a mouse king on stage then I can kill an ice queen. And I know it's a bit hokey, but I still love going to see 'The Nutcracker' and those magic moments. I'm hoping to find and achieve my own moments of magic."

NIKI SCHIFFERDECKER

Lust, true love and a little magic in 'Snowball'

Flopsy. FringeArts favorite JUNK goes family-friendly with a winter premiere.

"Snowball" explores what's up with all those fairy-tale bunny rabbits. / TED LIEVERMAN

"I always wanted my own 'Nutcracker,'" says Brian Sanders. That's not an errant Christmas wish for the Philly choreographer and founder of the provocative, acrobatic company JUNK. It's the backstory for his own new holiday tradition in the making, "Snowball," which will premiere in December.

"I wanted to tell a little bit of my own story of navigating youth. We have greed and lust, a little true love, a little magic, and you stir it all together and hopefully we have a wonderful fairy tale," Sanders says.

This particular fairy tale involves the shy Lil' Tim Flake and Gem, a reclusive heroine with trust issues. The two battle the evil Ice Queen to take control of their beloved alley, Grey Lane. There is an evil Duke of Toads and a gang of bunnies that, Sanders says, fall into a rich tradition of long-eared heroes. "Every fairy tale and nursery rhyme has a Flopsy and Mopsy, a White Rabbit, a Bugs Bunny — it was endless, the bunnies. I don't know why, and I don't think people have explored the bunny archetype, but I'm having fun with that."

While many in Philly mainly know JUNK for their acclaimed, often racy FringeArts performances, Sanders says that family-friendly entertainment is a core component of the company's mission, and a primary aspect of their touring shows. For "Snowball," audiences will be encouraged to interact with the show, from hissing at the villains to dancing along with a "Time Warp"-inspired number and engaging in a snowball fight at the climax.

"There's a formalism to so much of dance, where you have to sit with your arms crossed in your lap," Sanders says. "But I think it can be a cheering, raucous experience too. When we do these family shows, the kids are hooting and screaming and hollering and loving it, and the adults are shushing them the whole time. But we respond to their reactions more than we do to a subdued, comatose audience."

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Puppets. Creating an imaginary world in 'A Child's Christmas'

Puppeteer Sebastienne Mundheim has always had a tough time closing up her studio for the day.

"You get so involved in it, you start to think [the puppets are] real," she says. "When I was working on the little boy for this show — and I know this is a little weird — I felt like I didn't want to leave him by himself for the night."

For more than 20 years, Mundheim has been sharing her intimately crafted, imaginative world with Philadelphia audiences, specializing in child-accessible twists on the works and lives of great authors and artists, from James Joyce to Henri Rousseau. Her latest is an adaptation of Dylan Thomas' autobiographical short story, "A Child's Christmas in Wales." The piece mixes actors and puppets in Mundheim's immersive early 20th-century Welsh village.

"[Thomas' writing] is so wonderful to hear without looking at anything, because you can imagine anything you want," says Mundheim. "And, the thing about my work, I find, is that it's great to look at it without hearing anything because you imagine the story. So it's been really cool to think about how to put the two together and allow for the experiences to support each other."

Puppets and actors take the stage in "A Child's Christmas in Wales." KATE RAINES

One sticking point in the process has been figuring out how and when the Thomas puppet should say his lines. Typically, Mundheim's work doesn't include dialogue; it's a visual experience.

"I just don't like it when puppets talk," she says with a laugh. "I love the mystery of watching things happen without talking. Like, when you look at this little boy puppet's face, you will feel emotional toward him. You can't help it. If some actor made him talk, it would kill it." BRUCE WALSH

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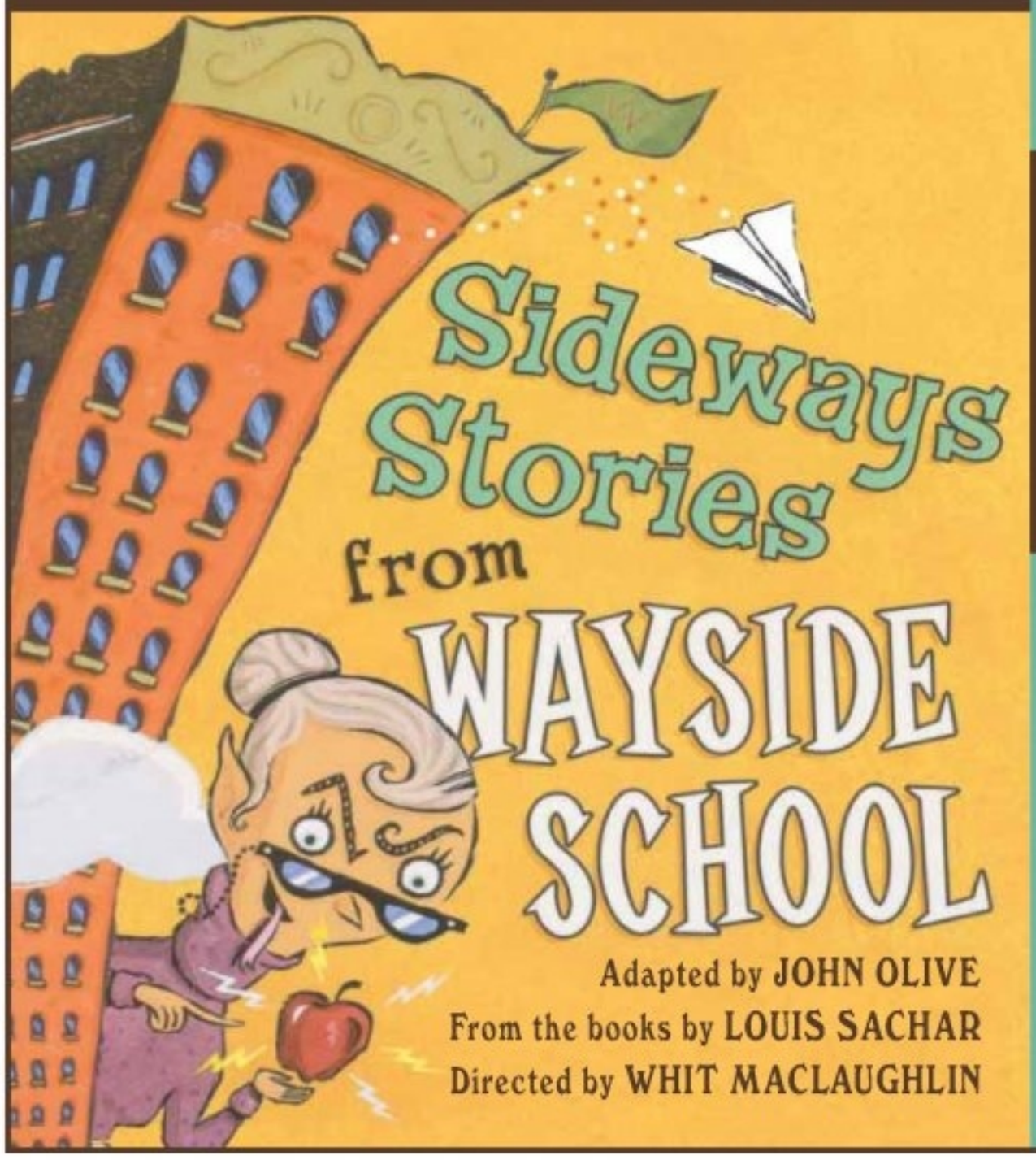

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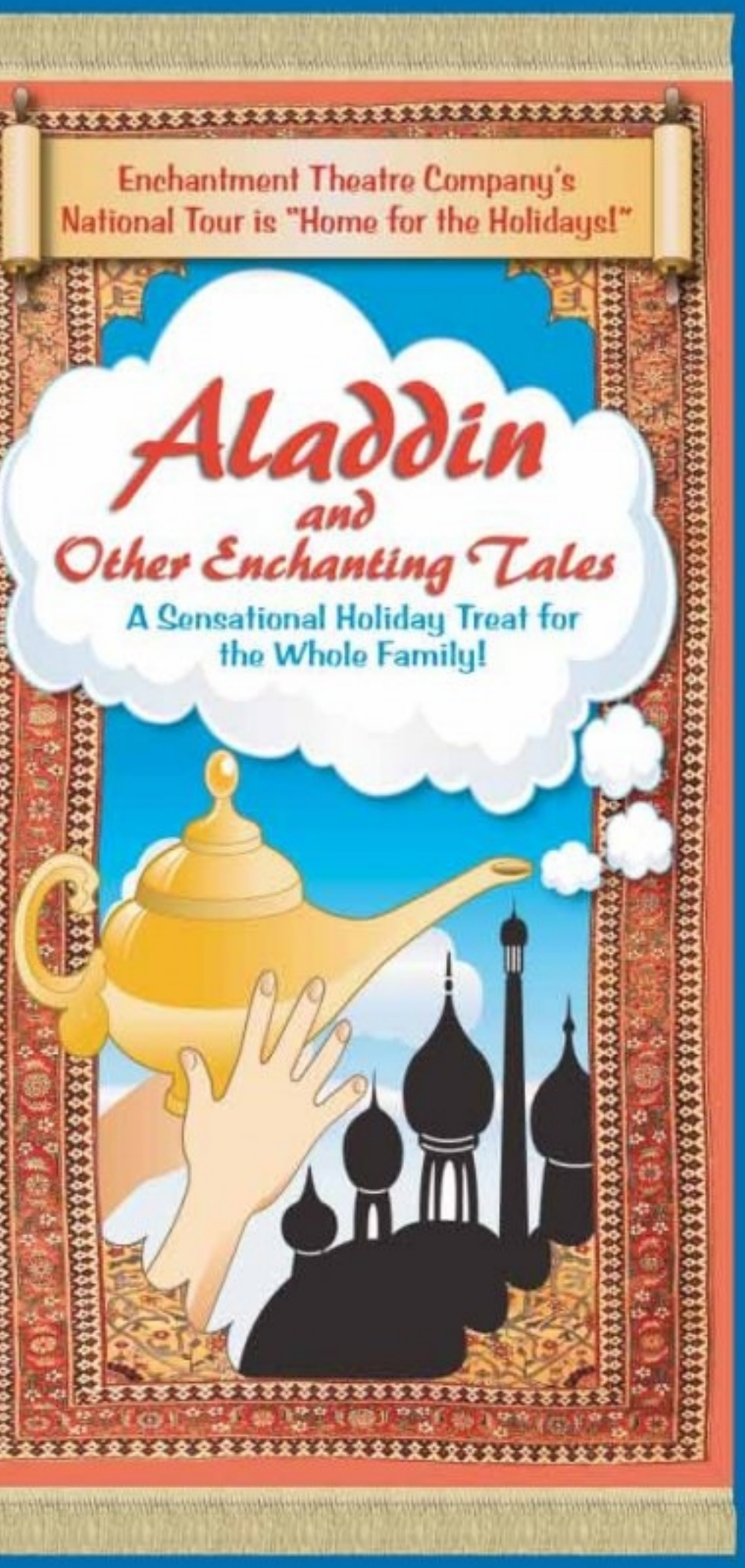

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The performance features four Philly premieres from throughout the company's history. / MATTHEW MURPHY

Anniversary.

Keigwin + Company revives its signature mattress dance.

New York's Keigwin + Company arrives in Philadelphia this weekend following the close of its 10th anniversary season at Manhattan's Joyce Theater. The occasion is not just a cause for celebration, according to founder Larry Keigwin, but evidence of the company's success and durability.

"It's a huge landmark," Keigwin says. "The company started in 2003 and we've been through several economic climates, so it's kind of a case of survival of the fittest."

Keigwin's own career echoes that same adaptability. The native New Yorker has worked in a wide variety of roles within the field of dance, choreographing the recent off-Broadway production of "Rent" and working with the Radio City Rockettes, creating a cabaret for Joe's Pub and classical work for the Royal New Zealand Ballet.

The program that Keigwin will present at the Annenberg Center this weekend will function as an unofficial retrospective of the company's first decade, featuring four Philly premieres that span its 10-year history. "I would say it's a variety show," Keigwin says. "There's love and romance and drama, theatricality, athleticism and entertainment."

The program includes "Triptych," an abstract 2009 work set to an electronic score by composer Jonathan Melville Pratt, the company's first commissioned score; and "Love Songs," a suite of six dances exploring different couples via the music of Aretha Franklin, Roy Orbison and Nina Simone. Keigwin explains, "It takes an up close and personal look at three different types of relationship: independent, dependent and co-dependent. Each couple has their own highlight based on the mood of the songs."

It also reaches back to the work that inaugurated Keigwin + Company, the signature piece "Mattress Suite." Originally a duo for Keigwin and then-collaborator Nicole Wolcott, the piece has expanded to a suite of six dances, all set on a mattress. As part of the 10th anniversary season, Keigwin encouraged fans to make their own mattress dances and share them via social media.

"I felt like celebrating it 10 years later," Keigwin says, "and coming full circle. It began with just one duet on a mattress that we pulled off of my bed, created in the living room of my tiny New York apartment. We were literally using the mattress as a springboard for creativity. It's a journey of sexual identity and awakening."

On the other end of the spectrum is the brand new piece "Girls," featuring the company's three female dancers and set to music by Frank Sinatra. A looser, free-spirited dance, Keigwin calls the piece "just a moment to be cheeky."

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What would Jesus tweet?

Satire. "Worst-Case Scenario" author takes on the holidays in "No Reservations."

Thanks to social media, Josh Piven's play satirizing social media has already sold out its opening night performance next week.

"The buzz from social media — Twitter, Facebook, bloggers — has really been huge," the first-time playwright says. "There is definitely an irony here."

Piven may be new to the theater world, but he has plenty of practice promoting his work as the author of the hugely successful "Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook" series. All told, Piven, a Philly native, has more than 20 humor and nonfiction books under his belt, plus a "Worst-Case" spinoff TV series and a couple of as-yet-unpublished novels. His day job is as speechwriter at the University of Pennsylvania, his alma mater.

If you go

'No Reservations'

Nov. 29-Dec. 15
Adrienne Theater, 2030 Sansom St.
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Piven is tackling a different kind of performance with "No Reservations," a loose retelling of the nativity story he's describing as a madcap holiday comedy "in the British tradition of classic farce."

The show is from the point of view of the innkeepers. Mr. and Mrs. Harris, proprietors of the Speckled Partridge, are expecting a quiet Christmas weekend — until a very famous, very pregnant young singer calling herself Marie shows up on her way to Bethlehem. Scheming Mrs. Harris, facing an underwater mortgage and looking for a "savior," starts cooking up ways to make a quick buck off the hiding celeb. Her first action is to — what else? — start posting pics on Twitter and Facebook.

"It explodes into this mass social media thing — it's part of the cult of celebrity, with all these people trying to jockey for advantage," Piven says. "If a Christ figure came today, there'd be some reality TV producer trying to capitalize on it."

Things can get a little hairy around the holidays. / PLATE 3 PHOTOGRAPHY

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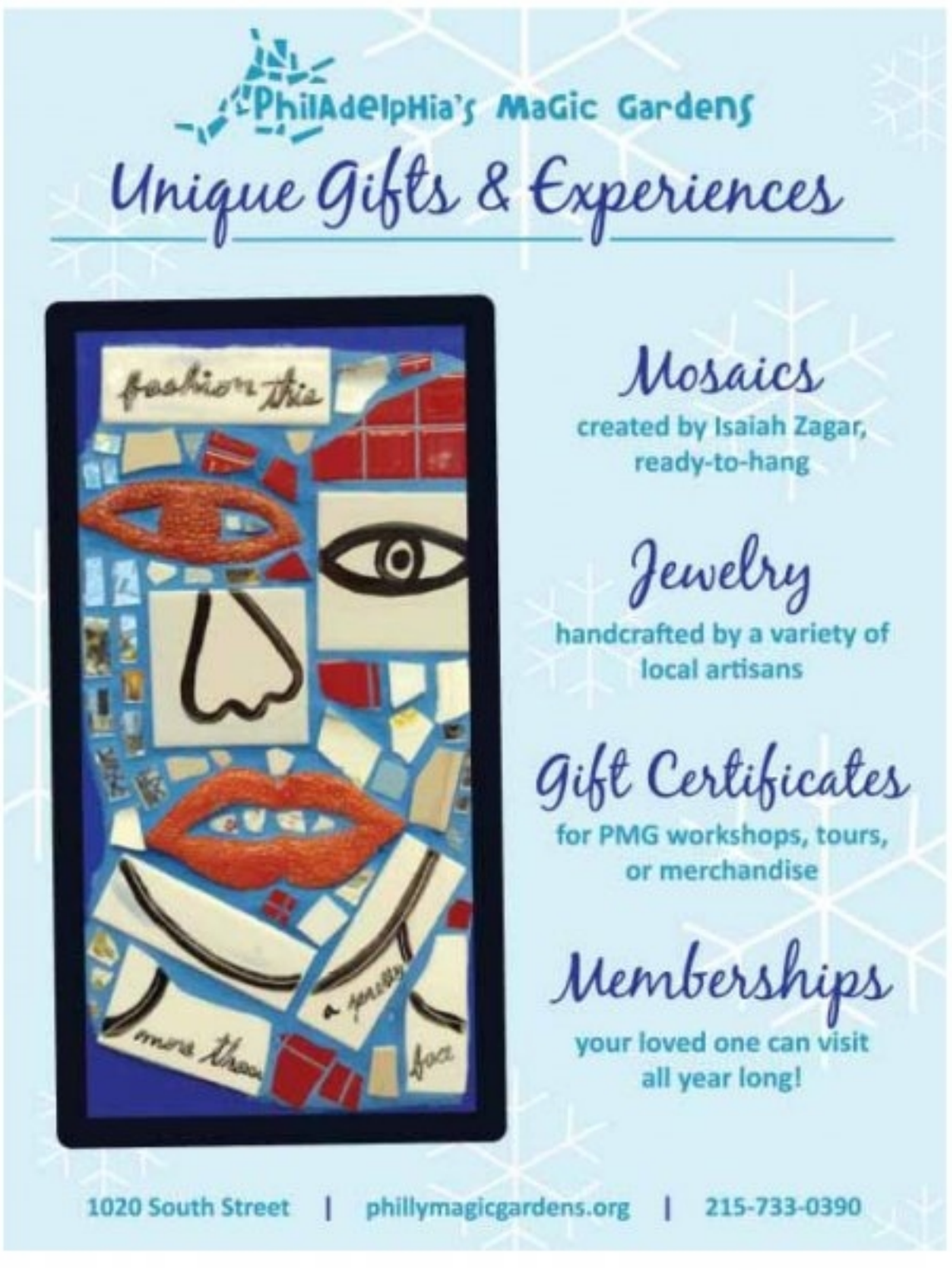
Casting

Learning the ropes

The cast of 11 — the innkeepers, carolers, a reporter, an "American Idol" winner and others — features some Philly theater regulars, acting under the guidance of Allison Heishman of Azuka Theatre. Alongside Heishman, Piven got a crash course in theater.

"My only experience in the past was being in the audience," Piven says. "When I first met with Allison she said, 'We have good news and bad news. The good news is we have full creative control — and the bad news is the same thing.' "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BodyVox takes on cinematic genres this winter. / MICHAEL SHAY

Pennsylvania Ballet

Dec. 7-29, Academy of Music, Broad and Locust streets, 215-893-3600, www.paballet.org
What would the holiday season be without the ballet's perennial performance of George Balanchine's timeless "The Nutcracker"?

BodyVox

Dec. 12-14, Annenberg Center, 3680 Walnut St., 215-898-3900, www.annenbergcenter.org
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Pig Iron Theatre Co. is bringing back its version of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." / PIG IRON

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THEATER

'Nerds'

Nov. 29-Dec. 29, Suzanne Roberts Theatre, 480 S. Broad St., 215-985-0420, www.philadelphiatheatrecompany.org
Philadelphia Theatre Company brings back this popular musical satire tracing the rise of Steve Jobs and Bill Gates.

'Twelfth Night'

Dec. 4-22, FringeArts, 140 N. Columbus Blvd., 215-413-1318, www.fringearts.com
Pig Iron Theatre Co. revives its popular spin on Shakespeare from the 2011 Fringe Fest, one of the most vibrant and lively takes on the Bard in memory.

'Cherokee'

Jan. 8-Feb. 8, Wilma Theater, 265 S. Broad St., 215-546-7824, www.wilmatheater.org
The Wilma presents Lisa D'Amour's new comedy, which follows two Texas couples on a fateful camping trip.

'Water by the Spoonful'

Jan. 16-March 16, Arden Theatre Co., 40 N. 2nd St., 215-922-1122, www.ardentheatre.org
Quiara Alegria Hudes' Pulitzer Prize-winning play follows an Iraq war vet who returns home to Philadelphia.

'Gidion's Knot'

Jan. 17-Feb. 9, The Adrienne, 2030 Sansom St., 215-568-8079, www.interacttheatre.org
InterAct Theatre Company presents Johnna Adams' play depicting a tense parent-teacher conference following the death of a 10-year-old boy.

'Ondine'

Feb. 5-March 2, Walnut Street Theatre Studio 5, 825 Walnut St., 215-574-3550, www.idiopathicridiculopathyconsortium.org
Idiopathic Ridiculopathy Consortium presents Jean Giraudoux's classic about a sea nymph falling for a handsome nobleman, directed by Aaron Cromie.

'The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess'

Feb. 18-23, Academy of Music, Broad and Locust streets, 215-893-1999, www.kimmelcenter.org/broadway
This is the Tony Award-winning revival, which courted controversy by "updating" the original.

OPERA

Opera Philadelphia

Feb. 7-16, Academy of Music, Broad and Locust streets, 215-893-3600, www.operaphila.org
Argentinean composer Osvaldo Golijov's "Ainadamar" tells the story of Spanish poet Federico García Lorca with an opera tinged with the sounds of rumba and flamenco.

MUSIC

'Ninety Miles'

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The Crossing

Dec. 20, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chestnut Hill, 22 E. Chestnut Hill Ave., www.crossingchoir.com
The Philly new-music choir's Christmas show features Wolfgang Rihm's meditative "Astralis," based on Novalis' poem of hope and sorrow which gave the current season its theme, along with works by Gabriel Jackson, Toivo Tulev and Eriks Esenwalds.

'George Burton's Christmas Yule Log'

Dec. 21, Chris' Jazz Cafe, 1421 Sansom St., 215-568-3131, www.chrisjazzcafe.com
The Philly-born pianist reprises his holiday show, pairing his piano trio with strings and vocalist Nancy Harms.

Philadelphia Orchestra

Jan. 3-4, Kimmel Center, Broad and Spruce streets, 215-893-1999, www.philorch.org
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The years that punk broke

Music. "Loud! Fast! Philly!" unearths a musical scene that once gripped the city's youth.

Chuck Meehan poses with Joseph A. Gervasi for "Loud! Fast! Philly!" / CHUCK MEEHAN

As a founding member of Exhumed Films and co-owner of Diabolik DVD, Joseph A. Gervasi's longtime horror fandom is already well-known. But it was through this love that Gervasi discovered his other, even more enduring passion: punk rock. Through Fangoria magazine, he'd come into contact with an older pen pal who sent him a tape of the Sex Pistols' music.

"I couldn't relate to the rock bands that were focused on chicks and drinking and cars, because it just seemed stupid and juvenile," Gervasi recalls. "But the Sex Pistols were a big revelation, because here was this snarling, furious music, but with an intelligence and point of view behind it as well."

Gervasi quickly became involved in the Philly punk scene, promoting shows as co-founder of the Cabbage Collective and editing NO LONGER A FANzine. Now, he's revisiting that scene via "Loud! Fast! Philly!," an aural history of the local punk scene archived online. On Friday, he'll present the final installment of the project's video component, a compilation of rarely seen, vintage live footage. Friday's show will feature the premiere of songs from the August reunion of '80s Buddhist punk band Ruin.

The story stretches from the birth of rock 'n' roll in the 1950s to the present day. "The key idea is that there has never been a 'Philly sound' of punk," Gervasi says. "Since Philly never had an identifiable sound, these bands had to be judged on their individual merits."

Knowing that several films that touched on the Philly punk scene were in the works, Gervasi wanted to offer an unedited, first-person account. "I was afraid that those documentaries would miss out on the strong DIY ethic of Philly," he explains. "They might focus on violence and stupid haircuts and lose track of the ideals behind it. I thought that if I could present people telling their own personal stories, that together these voices would form a mosaic of the underground music scene in Philadelphia."

Quoted

"The key idea is that there has never been a 'Philly sound' of punk. Since Philly never had an identifiable sound, these bands had to be judged on their individual merits." Gervasi

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Digging in

Where to begin

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Elizabeth and Allen Fiend: The couple founded More Fiends, "absolutely one of the weirdest and most creative bands to come out of that scene," Gervasi explains.

Chuck Meehan: A DIY presenter who hosted hardcore shows at Abe's Steaks, Meehan had a working-class background, which Gervasi found inspirational.

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12 YEARS A SLAVE (R) Fri and Sat 9:15, 12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15, 12:15.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 9:15-12:15-3:15-6:15-9:15.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
ABOUT TIME (R) 9:05, 12:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R) Fri and Sat 9:10, 10:10, 11:10, 12:10, 1:10, 2:10, 3:10, 4:10, 5:10, 6:10, 7:10, 8:10, 8:40, 9:10, 10:10, 11:10, 11:40, 12:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 9:10-10:10-11:10-12:10-1:10-2:10-3:10-4:10-5:10-6:10-7:10-8:10-8:40-9:10-10:10-11:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:05, 2:05, 5:05, 8:05, 11:05. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 11:05-2:05-5:05-8:05-11:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE (PG) Fri and Sat 10:10, 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50, 12:10.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:10-12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:50.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 2 (PG) 9:40, 12:05, 2:35. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
DALLAS BUYERS CLUB (R) 11:10, 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
DELIVERY MAN (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:00, 11:15, 12:35, 1:50, 3:10, 4:25, 5:45, 7:00, 8:20, 9:35, 10:55, 12:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:00-11:15-12:35-1:50-3:10-4:25-5:45-7:00-8:20-9:35-10:55. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
ENDER'S GAME (PG-13) 4:55, 7:40, 10:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
FREE BIRDS (PG) 10:20, 2:55. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
FREE BIRDS IN 3D (PG) 12:45, 5:15. RealD 3D
GRAVITY 3D (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:15, 12:40, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:00, 12:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D; Sun 10:15-12:40-3:05-5:25-7:45-10:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 9:00, 12:30, 4:00, 7:30, 11:00. Digital Presentation;IMAX
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Fri and Sat 10:30-11:15-11:30-12:00-12:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 9:30-10:00-10:30-11:00-11:30-12:00-1:00-1:30-2:00-2:30-3:00-3:30-4:30-5:00-5:30-6:00-6:30-7:00-7:45-8:00-8:30-9:00-9:30-10:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
JACKASS PRESENTS: BAD GRANDPA (R) Fri and Sat 11:20, 1:40, 4:05, 6:25, 8:45, 11:05. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 11:20-1:40-4:05-6:25-8:45-11:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
LAST VEGAS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:40, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, 12:15. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:40-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45. Digital Presentation
THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) 10:50, 1:50, 2:50, 4:50, 5:50, 7:50, 10:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THOR: THE DARK WORLD 3D (PG-13) 9:50, 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D

AMC Neshaminy 24
215-396-8050
Route 1 and Bristol Rd.
12 YEARS A SLAVE (R) Fri and Sat 9:40, 12:45, 4:00, 7:10, 10:35.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 9:40-12:45-4:00-7:10-10:30.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
ABOUT TIME (R) Fri and Sat 3:35, 6:40, 9:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 6:40-9:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R) Fri and Sat 9:15, 10:15, 11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:20, 11:20, 12:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 9:15-10:15-11:15-12:15-1:15-2:15-3:15-4:15-5:15-6:15-7:15-8:15-9:15-10:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (PG-13) 9:10, 12:25, 3:40, 6:50, 10:05. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE (PG) 9:30, 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
A CHRISTMAS STORY (PG) Sun 2:00. Digital Presentation
CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 2 (PG) Fri and Sat 10:25, 12:55. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
DALLAS BUYERS CLUB (R) 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
DELIVERY MAN (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:40, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, 12:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:40-1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
ENDER'S GAME (PG-13) Fri 12:50, 3:45, 6:35, 9:35, 12:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sat 9:55-12:50-3:45-6:35-9:35-12:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:00-12:50-3:45-6:35-9:35. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
FREE BIRDS (PG) 10:45, 4:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
FREE BIRDS IN 3D (PG) 1:40. RealD 3D
GIRL... IN YOUR LOVE (GORI TERE PYAAR MEIN) (NR) 11:10, 2:40, 6:20, 9:55.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
GOLIYON KI RAASLEELA RAM-LEELA (NR) Fri and Sat 12:05, 3:30, 7:05, 10:40.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 12:05-3:30-7:05-10:35.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
GRAVITY 3D (PG-13) 9:45, 12:10, 2:55, 5:20, 7:50, 10:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:00, 12:30, 4:00, 7:30, 11:00. Digital Presentation;IMAX; Sun 9:00-12:30-4:00-7:30-10:45. Digital Presentation;IMAX
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) Fri 10:00, 11:30, 3:00, 5:00, 6:30, 10:15, 12:00. CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation; Fri 9:30-10:30-11:00-1:00-1:30-2:00-2:30-4:30-5:30-6:00-7:00-8:00-8:30-9:00-9:30-10:30-11:30-12:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sat 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:15. CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation; Sat 9:30-10:00-10:30-11:00-1:00-1:30-2:00-2:30-4:30-5:00-5:30-6:00-7:00-8:00-8:30-9:00-9:30-10:30-11:30-12:00-12:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 9:30-10:00-10:30-11:00-11:30-1:00-1:30-2:00-2:30-3:00-4:30-5:00-5:30-6:00-6:30-7:00-8:00-8:30-9:00-9:30-10:00-10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
JACKASS PRESENTS: BAD GRANDPA (R) Fri and Sat 10:35, 1:10, 4:20, 6:45, 9:25, 12:05. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:35-1:10-4:20-6:45-9:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
LAST VEGAS (PG-13) 11:10, 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50. Digital Presentation
THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:20, 10:45, 12:20, 1:45, 4:45, 6:10, 7:45, 10:45, 12:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 9:20-10:45-12:20-1:45-4:45-6:10-7:45-10:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THOR: THE DARK WORLD 3D (PG-13) 3:10, 9:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D

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12 YEARS A SLAVE (R) Fri 11:10, 12:55, 2:10, 3:55, 5:10, 6:50, 8:15, 9:45.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 10:00-11:10-12:55-2:10-3:55-5:10-6:50-8:15-9:45.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
ALL IS LOST (PG-13) 1:10, 6:30.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R) Fri 11:00, 1:45, 3:45, 4:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:35. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; 12:00-3:00-6:00-8:50. Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 10:10-10:45-1:45-3:45-4:45-7:45-9:30-10:35. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (PG-13) 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:05. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE (PG) Fri 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 7:50, 10:10.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sat 10:30-1:00-3:20-5:40-7:50-10:10.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:30-3:20-5:40-7:50-10:10.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
DELIVERY MAN (PG-13) 11:20, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
ENDER'S GAME (PG-13) Fri 11:20, 12:45, 2:05, 3:30, 4:50, 6:15, 7:40, 9:05, 10:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 10:10-11:20-12:45-2:05-3:30-4:50-6:15-7:40-9:05-10:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
FREE BIRDS (PG) 1:30, 6:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Fri 12:30-2:50-5:05-7:25-9:40. Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 10:15-12:30-2:50-5:05-7:25-9:40. Digital Presentation
FREE BIRDS IN 3D (PG) 11:15, 4:00, 9:00. RealD 3D

AMC Woodhaven 10
888-AMC-4FUN
Route 13, near I-95 and Woodhaven Road exit
THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R) Fri and Sat 10:40, 1:15, 4:30, 7:40, 10:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:40-1:15-4:30-7:40. Digital Presentation
CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:00, 10:40. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:00-8:15. Digital Presentation
DALLAS BUYERS CLUB (R) Fri and Sat 10:25, 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:25-1:20-4:20-7:10.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
DELIVERY MAN (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:00-12:15-2:30-5:00-7:30. Digital Presentation
FREE BIRDS (PG) 9:55, 1:40. Digital Presentation
FREE BIRDS IN 3D (PG) 12:05, 4:00. RealD 3D
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:15, 1:30, 4:45, 8:00, 11:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Fri and Sat 11:15-12:30-2:10-2:45-3:45-5:30-6:15-7:00-8:45-9:30-10:15-12:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:15-12:30-2:10-2:45-3:45-5:20-6:15-7:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:15-1:30-4:45-8:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
JACKASS PRESENTS: BAD GRANDPA (R) Fri and Sat 10:00, 3:20, 6:00, 8:20, 10:50. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:00-3:20-6:00-8:30. Digital Presentation
LAST VEGAS (PG-13) 10:20, 12:50, 5:40, 8:10. Digital Presentation
THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:30, 5:05, 10:35. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:30-5:05. Digital Presentation
THOR: THE DARK WORLD 3D (PG-13) 2:20, 7:50. RealD 3D

Bryn Mawr Film Institute
610-527-9898
824 West Lancaster Avenue
12 YEARS A SLAVE (R) Fri 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; Sat 1:15-4:00-7:00-9:45.; Sun 3:00-5:45-8:30.
ALL IS LOST (PG-13) Fri 4:15, 7:15, 9:25; Sat 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:25.; Sun 3:15-5:30-8:00.
E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL (PG) Sat 11:00
NATIONAL THEATER LIVE: 50 YEARS ON STAGE (NR) Sun 12:00

Reel Cinemas Anthony Wayne Theater
610-225-0980
109 West Lancaster Avenue
CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (PG-13) 6:00, 9:00
ENDER'S GAME (PG-13) 3:20, 8:25
FREE BIRDS (PG) Fri 3:10; Sat and Sun 12:45-3:10.
FROZEN (PG) Fri and Sat
GRAVITY (PG-13) Fri 6:00; Sat and Sun 12:50-6:00.
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) Fri 3:45, 4:15, 7:05, 7:20, 10:15, 10:30. Digital Presentation; Sat 12:30-1:00-3:45-4:15-7:05-7:20-10:15-10:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 12:30-1:00-3:45-4:15-7:05-7:20. Digital Presentation
THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) Fri 3:15, 5:45, 8:45; Sat and Sun 12:40-3:15-5:45-8:45.

Reel Cinemas Narberth 2
610-667-0115
129 North Narberth Avenue
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) Fri 3:50, 7:00, 10:10. Digital Presentation;Stadium Seating; Sat 12:40-3:50-7:00-10:10. Digital Presentation;Stadium Seating; Sun 12:40-3:50-7:00. Digital Presentation;Stadium Seating
THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) Fri 4:05, 7:15, 10:15. Digital Presentation;Stadium Seating; Sat 12:55-4:05-7:15-10:15. Digital Presentation;Stadium Seating; Sun 12:55-4:05-7:15. Digital Presentation;Stadium Seating

Regal Marketplace 24
800-326-3264 341
180 Mill Road
12 YEARS A SLAVE (R) 9:20, 12:25, 3:35, 7:20, 10:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
ABOUT TIME (R) 4:05, 9:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
ALL IS LOST (PG-13) 4:20, 10:25
THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R) 8:35, 11:25, 2:15, 5:05, 7:55, 10:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (PG-13) 9:40, 3:15, 9:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE (PG) 9:25, 11:45, 2:05, 4:25, 6:50, 9:20
CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 2 (PG) 8:55, 12:40, 6:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
DALLAS BUYERS CLUB (R) Fri and Sat 10:35, 1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55, 11:25. CC-Closed Captions; Sun 10:35-1:25-4:15-7:05-9:55. CC-Closed Captions
DELIVERY MAN (PG-13) Fri and Sat 8:40, 9:35, 11:25, 12:10, 2:10, 2:50, 4:55, 7:40, 8:15, 10:10, 10:50, 11:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Sun 8:40-9:35-11:25-12:10-2:10-2:50-4:55-7:40-8:15-10:10-10:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
ENDER'S GAME (PG-13) 10:10, 1:05, 7:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
FREE BIRDS (PG) 9:10, 11:35, 1:55, 4:35, 6:55, 9:15. CC-Closed Captions
GIRL... IN YOUR LOVE (GORI TERE PYAAR MEIN) (NR) 11:20, 2:45, 6:15, 9:35
GOLIYON KI RAASLEELA RAM-LEELA (NR) 8:45, 12:05, 3:25, 6:45, 10:05
GRAVITY (PG-13) 12:35, 5:10, 9:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
GRAVITY 3D (PG-13) Fri and Sat 8:45, 10:05, 2:55, 7:25, 12:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D; Sun 8:45-10:05-2:55-7:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00; Fri and Sat 8:30-9:00-9:30-10:00-10:30-11:00-11:30-12:00.; Sun 8:30-9:00-9:30-10:00-10:30-11:00-11:30-12:00-12:30-1:00-1:30-2:00-2:30-3:00-3:30-4:00-4:30-5:00-5:30-6:00-6:30-7:00-7:30-8:00.; Sun 8:30-9:00-9:30-10:00-10:30.
JACKASS PRESENTS: BAD GRANDPA (R) 9:15, 11:55, 2:25, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
LAST VEGAS (PG-13) 10:40, 1:10, 3:50, 6:20, 8:50. CC-Closed Captions
SINGH SAHAB THE GREAT (NR) 11:40, 3:10, 6:35, 9:50
THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) Fri and Sat 8:50, 10:50, 1:50, 4:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:40, 11:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Sun 8:50-10:50-1:50-4:50-5:20-7:50-10:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THOR: THE DARK WORLD 3D (PG-13) 9:50, 12:45, 7:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D

Regal Plymouth Meeting 10
800-326-3264 335
1011 W Ridge Pike
ABOUT TIME (R) 4:05, 9:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 2 (PG) 8:35, 10:55. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
DALLAS BUYERS CLUB (R) 10:10, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10. CC-Closed Captions
ENOUGH SAID (PG-13) 1:30, 7:20. CC-Closed Captions
GRAVITY 3D (PG-13) 12:45, 6:40, 9:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:50, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30; Sun 8:30-9:00-9:30-10:00-11:30-12:00-12:30-1:00-1:50-3:00-3:30-4:00-4:30-5:00-6:30-7:00-7:30-8:00-10:00-10:30-11:00.
JACKASS PRESENTS: BAD GRANDPA (R) 8:20, 10:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
LAST VEGAS (PG-13) 10:30, 1:20, 4:20, 6:50, 9:50. CC-Closed Captions
THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) 10:50, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THOR: THE DARK WORLD 3D (PG-13) 9:45, 3:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D

Ritz 5 Movies
215-440-1184
214 Walnut Street
12 YEARS A SLAVE (R) 12:15, 3:10, 6:05, 7:30, 9:20
THE BOOK THIEF (PG-13) 12:25, 1:20, 4:15, 5:30, 8:30
NEBRASKA (R) 12:20, 1:10, 3:00, 4:00, 5:40, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30

Ritz at the Bourse
215-440-1181
400 Ranstead Street
ABOUT TIME (R) 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35
BLUE IS THE WARMEST COLOR (LA VIE D'ADÈLE) (NC-17) 12:45, 4:20, 7:50
ENOUGH SAID (PG-13) 1:25, 3:45, 7:10, 9:20
KILL YOUR DARLINGS (R) 1:20, 3:55, 7:20, 9:45
MOTHER OF GEORGE (R) 1:00, 3:30, 7:30, 9:45
THE WARRIORS (R) Fri 12:00

The Pearl Theatre at Avenue North
215-763-7700
1600 North Broad Street
THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R) Fri and Sat 12:00, 1:00, 2:50, 3:50, 6:00, 6:50, 9:00, 9:50, 12:00, 12:30; Sun 12:00-1:00-2:50-3:50-6:00-6:50-9:00-9:50.
DELIVERY MAN (PG-13) Fri and Sat 12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00, 12:20; Sun 12:00-2:30-4:50-7:20-10:00.
ENDER'S GAME (PG-13) 9:10
FREE BIRDS (PG) 2:20, 4:30, 6:40
FREE BIRDS IN 3D (PG) 12:10
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30, 11:40; Sun 12:00-3:30-7:00-10:30.
JACKASS PRESENTS: BAD GRANDPA (R) Fri and Sat 12:20, 2:40, 5:20, 7:40, 10:20, 12:30; Sun 12:20-2:40-5:20-7:40-10:20.
THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) Fri and Sat 12:10, 6:40, 12:10; Sun 12:10-6:40.
THOR: THE DARK WORLD 3D (PG-13) 3:10, 9:40

Tuttleman IMAX Theater - Franklin Institute
215-448-1111
20th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway
FLIGHT OF THE BUTTERFLIES IMAX (NR) Fri 1:15; Sat and Sun 11:15-1:15.
FORCES OF NATURE (LARGE FORMAT) (G) Fri 12:15
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 3:15, 6:00, 8:45, 11:30
RING OF FIRE (NR) Fri 10:15; Sat and Sun 12:15.
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A better 'Hunger Games' than 'The Hunger Games'

YA sequel. "Catching Fire" is incredibly watchable — and then it just stops.

Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson rock the insane costumes of "Catching Fire." / MURRAY CLOSE

Review

'The Hunger Games: Catching Fire'

Director: Francis Lawrence

Stars: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson

Rating: PG-13

Most of what happened in "The Hunger Games" happens in "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire." On the page — which is to say, in Suzanne Collins' book — it's pure rehash. Once again, Jennifer Lawrence's teenage archery enthusiast Katniss Everdeen, coming of age in a post-something dystopia where the government is heartless and everyone has funny names, is reluctantly whisked away on a parody of a press tour then fights to the death inside a tricked-out dome.

The difference is slight: Instead of kids, Katniss plus boring nice guy Peeta (Josh Hutcherson) fight former Hunger Game champs, many of them adults (like Jeffrey Wright).

But the first "Hunger Games" was a bit of a botch — mannered, stiff and distractingly non-gory. A second film is another chance to do it right, and "Catching Fire" is a better "Hunger Games" than "The Hunger Games," as well as a better "Catching Fire" than the book.

The first film's director, Gary Ross ("Pleasantville," "Seabiscuit"), had no feel for the Ken Russell flamboyance of the Capitol, and definitely no feel for action. New boss Francis Lawrence ("Constantine," "I Am Legend") is no master. But he knows his way around an action scene without getting tripped up, as Ross did.

Everything's better this time. Lawrence, slightly uncomfortable in the first one, is given more to do. Elizabeth Banks, as obliviously peppy escort Effie Trinket, gets unexpected hints of humanity, her spirits crumbling as the downtrodden lower districts begin revolting. Then again, like the first, it can be a tease. A fearsome Hunger Gamer who chiseled her teeth into fangs is memorably introduced, then gets to do precisely nada.

The abrupt ending is a problem, too. Middle episodes in trilogies are put in an undesirable position, but the best — "Empire Strikes Back" being the high water mark — find a strong note to close on before the action resumes in the future. This just shrugs and says, "See you in a year!" Nuts to that.

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A son-and-pop trip in God's country

Dramedy. A comic star and a film legend get stuck together while driving through "Nebraska."

Bruce Dern and Will Forte attempt to bond in "Nebraska." / PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Review

'Nebraska'

Director: Alexander Payne

Stars: Will Forte, Bruce Dern

Rating: R

In the new film "Nebraska," 40-something stereo salesman David (Will Forte) goes on a road trip with his cranky old dad Woody (Bruce Dern) to collect what Woody thinks is a million-dollar prize. No such prize exists; Woody has simply received one of those Publishers Clearing House letters. Hoping only to bond, David agrees to placate this delusion.

Here's what doesn't happen: David doesn't realize Woody — ignored by his verbally pugilistic wife (June Squibb) and busy older son (Bob Odenkirk) — is a paragon of decency in a cruel and indifferent world. Woody is a stubborn, mostly miserable coot who rarely talks, because he honestly has very little to say. His de facto posture is slack-jawed, staring at nothing. At the same time his silence, paired with his often irrational actions, suggests there's some faulty wiring in his head.

"Nebraska" brings director Alexander Payne ("Sideways," "The Descendants") back to his home in the Midwest. He's been attacked for mocking them, as in "About Schmidt" — as though Midwesterners couldn't withstand being mocked by mean artists. But his take on so-called Real America is more complex: an endeared bemusement, one that finds Nebraskan family reunions — with their segregated genders and stilted guy talk over endless football staring — hilarious. Even the film's baddies, including an old "friend" (Stacy Keach) who bullies Woody for money, get moments of sudden compassion.

Payne shoots in black-and-white, turning landscapes into arid open spaces. If it looks alien and uninviting, it has a melancholic poetry to it, and not just because Payne overuses a too-plaintive score. "Nebraska" is one of those funny movies that turns emotional, but it's one that slips in moments of unexpected depth, as in a visit to one of Woody's torch-carrying ex-girlfriends that creates an entire universe we only get through implication. Like its characters, "Nebraska" is deeper than it sometimes seems.

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Drama. 'Mother of George' is the year's most beautiful film

Andrew Dosunmu's atmospheric drama "Mother of George" is set in Crown Heights, which, like many of Brooklyn's neighborhoods, is both diverse and, for its individual groups, closed-off. The focus is a Nigerian community that has recreated a facsimile of home amid asphalt and tiny row home apartments. The majority of the film simply soaks up the feel of the place — an otherworldly scene that could be charged with anthropological condescension were its maker not one of its own. As such, it's an exclusive gateway into a microcosm.

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There's a story: Danai Gurira plays Adenike, who has just wed Ayodele (Isaach de Bankole). She is expected to give him a son; unfortunately he appears to be sterile. He's also incredibly stubborn and refuses to see a doctor. But her mother-in-law offers a solution, even if it's one that would shock any culture. The narrative is mostly buried in the background of beautiful shots — dimly lit by ace cinematographer Bradford Young ("Pariah," "Ain't Them Bodies) — but when it finally takes over, it hits like a wallop.

MATT PRIGGE

Review

'Mother of George'

Director: Andrew Dosunmu

Stars: Danai Gurira, Isaach de Bankole

Rating: R

Needs more Chris Pratt

Dramedy. Vince Vaughn is a bit lost in the more warm than funny "Delivery Man."

The 2011 French-Canadian film "Starbuck" was not exactly a box office juggernaut, but it's on an international remake tour anyway. In addition to the Hollywood version, it's also being remade in France, again in French. (The cultures are different enough that this isn't entirely weird.)

Is the premise really that irresistible? Now called "Delivery Man," it stars Vince Vaughn as David, a middle-aged slacker. Two decades before, David made rather a lot of sperm donations. He's surprised to learn his seed wrought over 500 children, about 200 of whom want to make contact.

This may sound like the makings of a broad yukfest, until you think through the premise and realize a heartwarming dramedy is the only way to go. David finds himself stalking each kid, invariably helping them through individual crises. For awhile it plays like a "My Name Is Earl"-style comedy, with little missions that lead to triumphant endings.

That one of his first episodes involves a junkie daughter is a sign that the drama-comedy mix is way more off than expected. Vaughn is in earnest mode, and, good an actor as he is, he's never found a way to meld comedy and sincerity into something that commands the screen.

Vince Vaughn plays a sperm donor with 500 kids in "Delivery Man." / JESSICA MIGLIO

"Delivery Man" boasts some clever narrative twists. Then again, it wastes Chris Pratt, as Vaughn's lawyer/bestie, who starts off strong — grumbling about his four kids while touting the values of abortion in their presence — only to reappear much too infrequently.

At first it feels like "Delivery Man" should be funnier because it boasts Vaughn; eventually it's because things simply should be funnier in general.

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Review

'Delivery Man'

Director: Ken Scott

Stars: Vince Vaughn, Chris Pratt

Rating: PG-13

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JENNIFER LAWRENCE

"I tried to make a conscious effort to be poised and mature this time around," the Oscar winner tells Metro in an exclusive one-on-one. "I was like, 'I have to change myself.'" How'd that work out?

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I love the haircut.
Thank you. I'm like a cat back from the groomers, where I'm so insecure. I need as much positive reinforcement as I can get.

As soon as something went up about your haircut, someone online chimed in with, "It must be a wig."
[Laughs] Yeah, I know. That's just how it works. The most important thing is to not read it, Jennifer! [Laughs] I'm really good at it. The only time that it does happen is when I'm with friends. I have two friends that are avid Googlers. They basically do what I would do if I didn't have the self-esteem. They're like, "What is everybody saying about Jennifer?" It's sweet, they care. When my Dior photos came out, I hadn't seen them so they looked them up on whatever website with all these comments, and I saw the comments and I was like, "I can't stop myself!" I started scrolling and it was like, "She's so conceited!" "She's a pig and I hope she dies!" [Laughs]

Can I tell you the most ridiculous thing I've read about you?
Yes!

There was this "inside Hollywood" post on Reddit where someone wrote, "Jennifer Lawrence employs a professional joke-writer."
Employs a professional joke-writer? [Laughs] Oh my God, that is my biggest fear with this new ["The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" movie], because we're doing [press junkets] again. Last night I was laying in bed going, "Everybody's obviously going to get sick of it, the goofy, crazy [stuff]." It was maybe funny for one season, but if it continues everybody's going to be like, "OK, calm down." So I tried to make a conscious effort to be poised and mature this time around. I was like, "I have to change myself."

How's that working out?
It's not. But I just have this thought that everybody's going to think it was perfectly planned. That actually goes into my nightmares. If I had read that, I would've been like, "Oh my God, how do I prove that it's not true?" But it will exhaust me. I'm so anxious and high-strung, and I'm such a worrier anyway that I've gotten good about making a wall of the things that I can't [deal with]. I'm like, "I can't even begin to worry about you right now. I'm already worried about cancer." [Laughs]

I worry about cancer.
Yeah, everybody does. And then worrying gives you cancer. Everything does.

What's the most inappropriate thing you've done with your Oscar?
I put it in a closet by my bathroom — but only because it made me feel weird to look at it because I was like, "What am I supposed to feel? Am I feeling what I'm supposed to?" It made me over-think in my own house. And then I didn't want anybody who's coming over [to see it]. So it's with my parents now. My mom can intimidate people.

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High five

You've been very outspoken about body image issues and negativity.
We need to go easy on each other. And the media is so responsible for it. The worst part is that they pretend they aren't responsible for it. They're like, "It's the real world." Everybody puts that defense up of, "Oh, this is just the way the world works." But what if we said that in the '40s and '50s when black people had to use different bathrooms? "Sorry, welcome to the real world." Until you stand up for something and change it, the world isn't going to change.

Here's a random question: Have you ever come up with weird nicknames for parts of your body?
No, I haven't. Should I?

Well, I've been referred to — affectionately — as Sausage Fingers.
Oh my God! I'm Grubby Paws because I have sausage fingers too! Cool! [High-fives] Can you get liposuction in your fingers? I need to find a surgeon who will do that. My feet are very individual. My giant shoulders — at least they'll protect me.

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This photo was actually taken on Wednesday. It just happens to look like something you've seen a million times before. Brown's lawyer, Mark Geragos, appears to be looking at something on his phone, maybe watching his bank account grow while he bills his high-profile client? / FREDERICK BROWN, GETTY IMAGES

Chris Brown is kicked out of rehab

Chris Brown has been thrown out of his Malibu rehab facility after he "flew into a violent rage" and threw a rock through his mother's car window following a family therapy session, according to TMZ.

The troubled R&B star has now been sentenced to 90 days in a different live-in anger management facility. Brown, who was most recently arrested for a brawl outside a Washington, D.C., hotel, was at the first facility for two weeks before the incident.

You'd probably be angry too if you owed as much money as Aaron Carter does./TAYLOR HILL, FILMMAGIC

Party's over: Aaron Carter is bankrupt

Uh-oh. Aaron Carter joins Toni Braxton, Teresa Giudice, MC Hammer, Kim Basinger and other fallen stars who have filed for bankruptcy.

In legal docs acquired by TMZ, the former teen star lists his assets as $8,232.16, which aren't going to come close to his liabilities, which total $2,204,854, with $1,368,140 owed to the IRS.

And this factoid may make you feel better about your paycheck: Carter lists his average monthly income at $1,998.75. So, hey! You might not be able to ever retire, but neither will Aaron Carter.

Talking points

Harry Styles steps out with Kendall Jenner

Harry Styles is prompting new dating rumors after being spotted taking Kendall Jenner to dinner in L.A. Wednesday night, according to Us Weekly. While it's not clear if Styles is actually dating the 18-year-old, he has made his feelings on high-profile relationships known. "I don't want to be one of those people that complains about the rumors," he recently told GQ.

"If you get into a relationship and you really like someone and then things are being written in the papers that affect them and how they see you. Then it can get annoying."

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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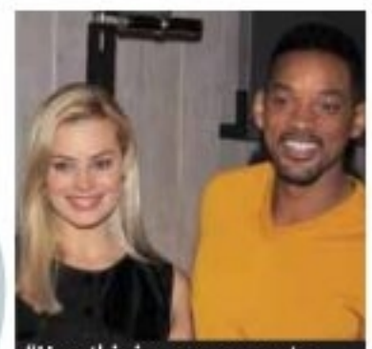
Don't get close for the camera

Look at Will Smith trying hard not to put his arm around Margot Robbie in this photo-call for their film "Focus" in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Wednesday. It makes sense. After all, the two co-stars were the subject of media speculation last month after they reportedly had a romp in a photo booth at a party. Smart man.



"Hey, this is my, um, co-star. Yes, my platonic friend and co-star." / LALO YASKY, GETTY IMAGES

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♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Evasiveness will lead to trouble. Pent-up resentment will result in an argument if you don't make a move.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. You don't have to make abrupt alterations in order to make your point. Stick to what has worked in the past, and your consistency will lead you to victory.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Go to the source and verify information. A change is in order, but your reasons must be valid and your enthusiasm genuine.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Look over personal papers and discuss your options with anyone who will be affected by your decision. Socializing will lead to romance.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. An unsavory situation will develop if you overreact or get involved in extravagant or indulgent situations. Pace what you do.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Enjoy family and friends. The events you attend will give you all sorts of ideas that will spark your imagination.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Expect someone to meddle in your affairs. Don't invite trouble. Stick to the truth and stand up for your beliefs. Someone from your past will offer a solution.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. You'll impress whomever you talk to with your knowledge. Creative ideas will help you pick the perfect way to please people.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Keep your eyes open and focus on your goals. Don't allow anyone to ruin your plans or guilt you into unreasonable demands.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Participating in activities that are geared toward helping others will lead to new friendships. A close relationship will get stronger if you are attentive.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Strategy coupled with diplomacy will help you ward off controversy. Keep your distance from the unpredictable. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

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Letters

If the system's broke, don't look the other way

We all know the Obama administration has a responsibility to ensure that the personal data collected by the Obamacare website is secure. But, the Texas Republican Ted Cruz fails to say it should also be his responsibility. Republicans always look for blame, never for responsibility for the impoverished, the poor, the sick or the handicapped. Just whose country did I fight to protect in Iraq? He doesn't really care about veterans' families with this broken system that, if you ask him, works just great.

ARTHUR BLENHEIM, VIA EMAIL

Cheaters leave no legacy beyond failures

The only immortality that A-Rod will ever have is that he is a cheater. His ego still doesn't allow him to come to terms with that fact.

This year even Yankee fans remained silent because they were embarrassed that their .250 cheater-hitter was better than what they had on roster.

No one will remember A-Rod other than to remember MLB's period of endorsing other cheaters like Mark McGuire, Sammy Sosa and Rafael Palmeiro.

They mark an embarrassing period of MLB, when they looked the other way for long-ball home runs, and to put fans in the seats.

DAVID DIBELLO, VIA EMAIL

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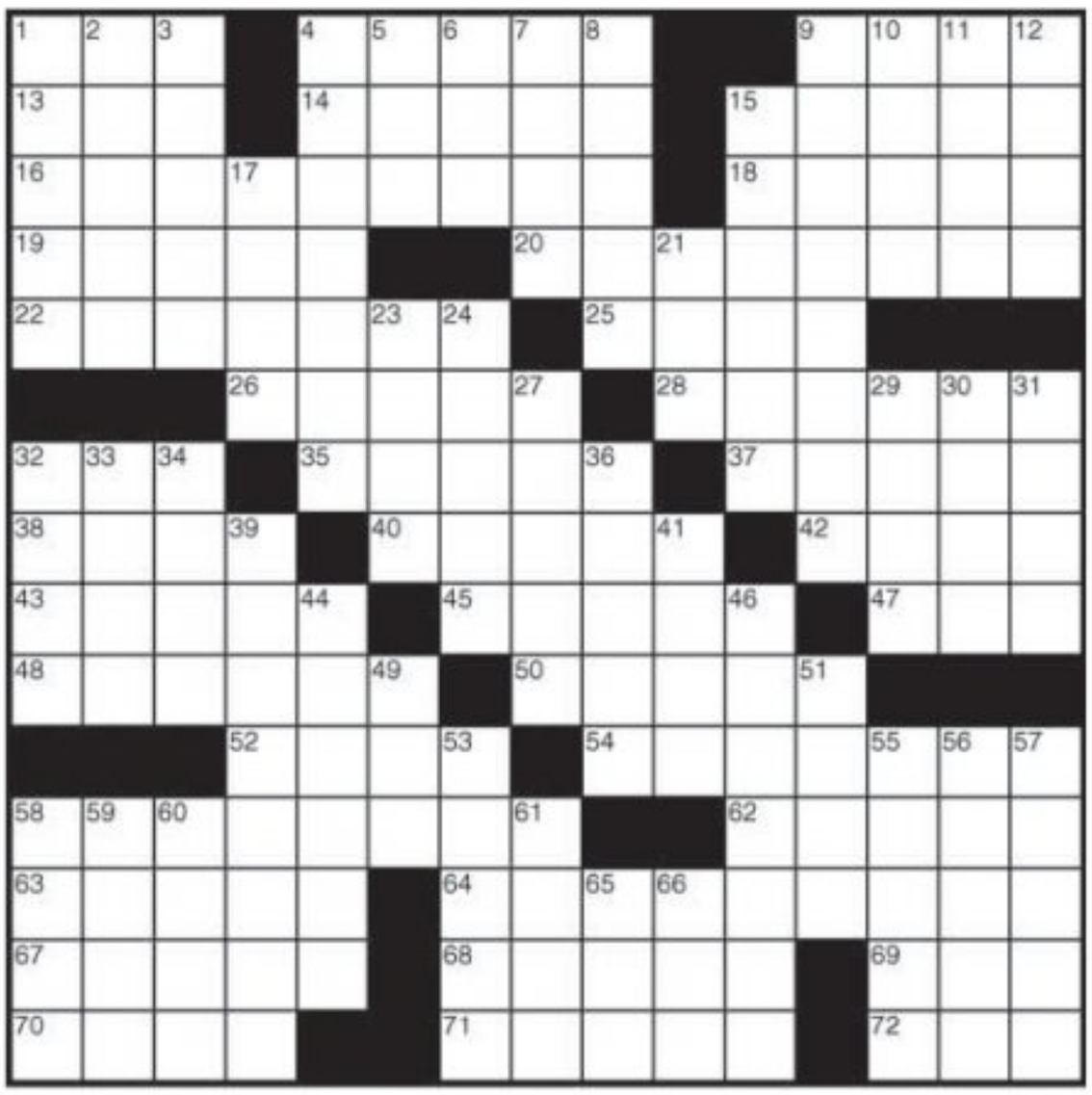

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Weekend action big for

NFL. The Giants and Cowboys battle for second place in the division, just one game back of the first-place Eagles.

Eagles fans can be excused if they want to get a jump-start on holiday shopping or finish raking the leaves for the season.

But those who will park themselves in front of the TV on Sunday — and Monday — despite a bye week for their team, have two huge games involving bitter NFC East rivals to watch.

The Cowboys meet the Giants on Sunday (4:25 p.m., FOX) in what looked like a meaningless game as recently as a few weeks ago. But the Giants have reeled off four straight victories and stand at 4-6, just one game back of the 5-5 Cowboys.

"We kept the same goal every game all season long," Giants head coach Tom Coughlin said. "It didn't work out quite the way we wanted to in the beginning and then we were able to win a couple of games because we were playing better football. Three of the four, we didn't turn the ball over the way we had been earlier."

The Giants had an astounding six turnovers in Week 1 against the Cowboys — including three interceptions by quarterback Eli Manning and two fumbles by running back David Wilson.

The Cowboys are coming off a bye week of their own and a blowout loss to the Saints. But owner Jerry Jones has already taken head coach Jason Garrett, formerly an assistant for the Giants, off the hot seat, saying he

Wideouts in

Elite receivers both likely to play Sunday

Eagles fans are very familiar with Hakeem Nicks and Miles Austin's exploits over the past few seasons.

And from the looks of things, both will be on the field this Sunday. Nicks is dealing with a mysterious abdominal injury that cropped up during the week, while Austin hasn't played since Week 7 as he deals with hamstring issues.

Both are having disappointing seasons. Nicks has yet to catch a touchdown this season, while Austin has only played in five games. He has just 15 catches, though 10 of those came in Week 1 against the Giants. Terrance Williams has surpassed Austin, while Rueben Randle has likely passed Nicks.

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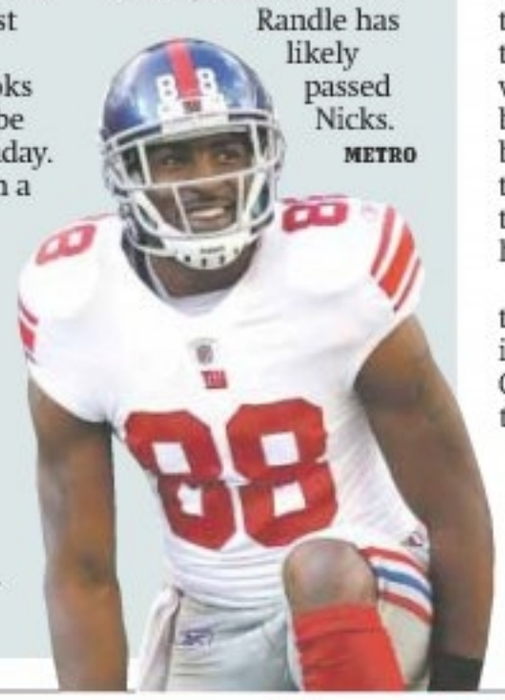

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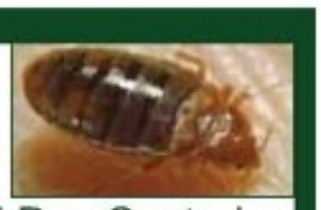

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NFC East rivals

Victor Cruz and the Giants anticipate a hard-hitting affair Sunday. / GETTY IMAGES

By the numbers

.188

The combined road record for the three NFC East teams besides the Eagles is 3-13 (.188) this season. Philadelphia, meanwhile, is 5-1 — tied for the best road record in the NFL with Seattle.

gles last week likely has them out of the playoff hunt at 3-7, with games against the Niners, Giants and Chiefs the next three weeks.

Shanahan may already be looking ahead to next season, when he'll likely have Robert Griffin III even healthier with a full year post-ACL surgery under his belt.

"In the future it will get better, because we do have the ability to get more depth," Shanahan said. "We've got the ability to add some players on both sides of the football, and that gives you a chance to get better as a football team."

The Eagles return from the bye week with five games left, starting against the Cardinals on Dec. 1, while the Giants travel to Washington and the Cowboys host the Raiders.

plans to bring him back for 2014.

No such luck for Mike Shanahan and his bombastic owner, Daniel Snyder. The Redskins head coach is firmly on the hot seat as they host the San Francisco 49ers on Monday Night Football.

Their loss at the Ea-

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TV guide

There are plenty of big games on Sunday, even if the Birds aren't playing. We look at a few to keep an eye on.

- **Panthers vs. Dolphins**
  1 p.m., FOX
  This game might not have been one marked on calendars during the preseason, but Cam Newton's cats have won six straight, while the Dolphins (5-5) are right in the hunt for the final AFC wild-card spot.

- **Jets vs. Ravens**
  1 p.m., CBS
  Speaking of teams in the hunt for that final wild card, the Jets (5-5) were humiliated in Buffalo last week and now travel to Rex Ryan and Ed Reed's old stomping grounds.

- **Broncos vs. Patriots**
  8:30 p.m., NBC
  Peyton Manning and Tom Brady take a back seat as Wes Welker returns to the place he called home for six seasons.

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NFL power rankings | by Mike Greger

No. 1

Seahawks (10-1)

OK, now Seattle has some weapons. The return of Percy Harvin, who had a 58-yard, game-changing kick return, only increased Seattle's dominance over the NFL. With quarterback Russell Wilson and running back Marshawn Lynch leading the way, it's going to be tough to unseat the kings of the Pacific Northwest.

No. 2

Broncos (9-1)

Three sacks on Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith and a goal-line stand were as important as anything Peyton Manning did against Kansas City last week.

No. 3

Chiefs (9-1)

It's funny we're talking about an ineffective offense with Andy Reid, but Kansas City needs to start putting up numbers on that side of the ball.

No. 4

Saints (8-2)

One thing you thought you'd never hear: New Orleans needs a win this week to fend off the pesky Panthers for first in the division.

No. 5

Panthers (7-3)

They are up to six straight wins, including upsets over the 49ers and Patriots. Ron Rivera went from the hot seat to Coach of the Year.

No. 6

Colts (7-3)

The trade for Trent Richardson may have been pointless given the way Donald Brown ran last Thursday. It was like he was angry — maybe with the guy who stole his job.

No. 7

Patriots (7-3)

You can't cry over non-calls and the Pats have already moved on. But the Panthers proved you can throw on that secondary, even Aqib Talib.

No. 8

Bengals (7-4)

If Cincy can win a divisional game where Andy Dalton struggles (93 passing yards, really?) then they can never be counted out.

No. 9

49ers (6-4)

The Niners are in must-win mode after dropping two-straight. Luckily for them, they now draw the Redskins and error-prone Robert Griffin III.

No. 10

Lions (6-4)

The Steelers may have laid out the blueprint for slowing Matthew Stafford and Megatron last Sunday. Can the Lions win relying on their ground game?

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Foles also proving capable on the run

NFL. Nick Foles can get it done through the air, but his scrambling skills are quickly improving.

Eagles QB Foles has rushed for 123 yards this season. / GETTY IMAGES

Nick Foles will never be confused with Michael Vick or Randall Cunningham in terms of leg work. But it's not as if Foles can't shine when he gets out of the pocket.

He ran for a career-high 47 yards on nine carries last week against the Redskins, a week after running for a then-career high 38 yards on eight carries.

While Eagles fans would prefer Foles using his stellar arm, considering he leads the league in the passer rating category with an impressive 128.0 mark, the second year QB says he's becoming more comfortable out of the pocket.

"It's fun going out there running and getting the feel for it because it is something different," Foles said. "I feel like week-to-week I'm getting more and more comfortable with it. It's really helping us get first downs and before long they will really have to account for me and it will open up."

Foles has already shown that he's quite capable using his legs near the goal line. In his head-turning performance against the Buccaneers on Oct. 13, he had a four-yard touchdown plunge into the end zone. And in last week's victory over the Redskins, Foles had another four-yard TD run, also in the first quarter.

Eagles head coach Chip Kelly was asked this week about Foles' decision-making when it comes to leaving the pocket and said his quarterback is getting adjusted.

"I think it's been good," Kelly said. "He's missed a few and he'll admit that. But a lot of that is through repetition … But it's an experience factor. You get a little more comfortable, little better feel of it."

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McClure had divisive tenure with Red Sox

MLB. The Phillies' new pitching coach had fractured relationship with Bobby Valentine.

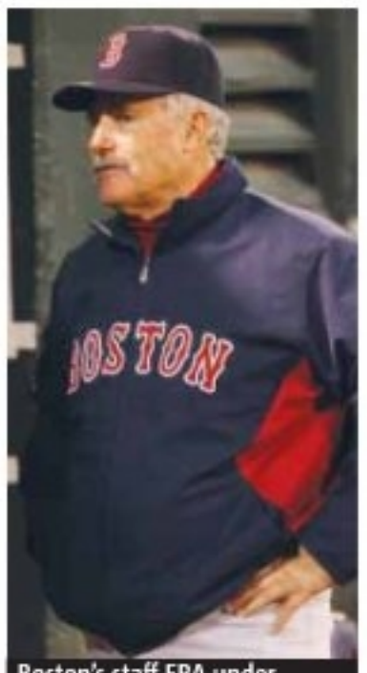
Bob McClure, the Phillies' new pitching coach, had a tough go of it the last time he held an MLB coaching position.

McClure was unceremoniously fired by the Red Sox in August of Boston's brutal 2012 season. Sox GM Ben Cherington claimed the firing was strictly performance-based but it was also reported throughout the season that he clashed with then-Boston manager Bobby Valentine.

McClure had been hired by the organization before Valentine came aboard. Things climaxed in an Aug. 1, 2012 radio interview on WEEI when Valentine was asked about visits to the mound.

"When Bob McClure was on his two-week vacation … I'm sorry, not vacation. His two weeks away from the team," Valentine said, making reference to the time McClure had to leave the organization due to a medical emergency with one of his children.

Valentine was fired by the Red Sox less than two months later after McClure was let go.



Boston's staff ERA under Bob McClure was 4.70, the 27th worst in MLB. / GETTY IMAGES

The 61-year-old McClure, who was out of baseball last season, was a pitching coach with the Royals and Rockies prior to taking a job in Boston.

His new dugout partner, Ryne Sandberg says he's quite happy that McClure is now in Philadelphia.

"Bob brings a wealth of experience to our staff," Sandberg said. "We talked to many good candidates and couldn't be more pleased to add 'Mac' as our pitching coach."

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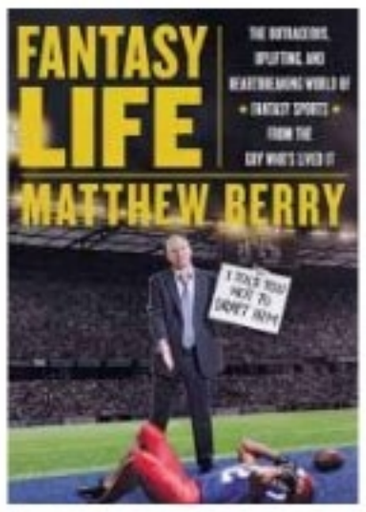

NFL. Fantasy football expert Matthew Berry says there's no escaping "fantasy island."

Matthew Berry literally wrote the book on fantasy football.
ESPN

America's growing interest in fantasy sports might look like just an expansion of what it means to be an avid fan.

But according to fantasy guru Matthew Berry's new book "Fantasy Life: The Outrageous, Uplifting, and Heartbreaking World of Fantasy Sports from the Guy Who's Lived It," it's not just "geeks in black shirts in their mom's basement" playing in these leagues anymore — it's 13 percent of the population and growing. To what does he attribute this increasing fascination? The ESPN senior fantasy sports analyst says it's something that has to be experienced to be truly understood.

"It's like going to your first Bruce Springsteen concert. You can be a Springsteen fan and love his albums, but it's not until you've seen him up on stage ... that you can truly understand how awesome he is." That's high praise, but Berry's book makes a compelling case for the new American pastime.

"The craziest story I know is about this one soldier who was in Afghanistan on his fantasy draft day," says Berry. "There was only one place outside where he could get a connection, and a bomb went off 60 yards from where he was standing." The soldier was unhurt, but the story shows how a true fantasy fan never misses draft day.

For most of us, the stakes will never get this high, but Berry promises there's plenty of fun to be had, even by casual fans.

Berry says ESPN is always trying to figure out ways to grow the industry, from including fantasy segments in "real" sports programs to ensuring that Web and mobile apps are easy to use and appeal to everyone from grandmothers to college girls, and even pro athletes themselves. "You can play fantasy anything," he says. "There are fantasy movie leagues where people win points depending on how successful the movies are. In Japan, fantasy sumo is huge. Any place where people can complete, there is an opportunity for fantasy."

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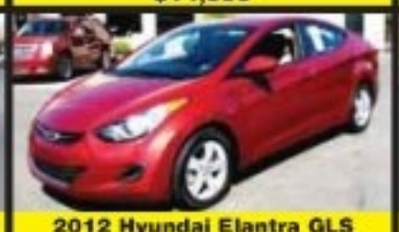

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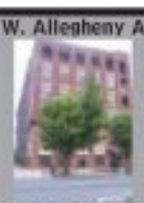

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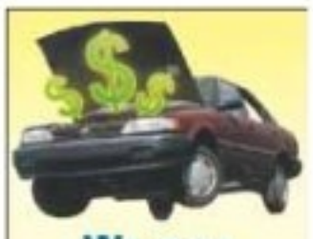

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